I. Job’s unshakable faith gets tested.

A. Suffers loss through no fault of his own.

B. Job struggles to understand without any answers.

C. Righteousness comes by faith.

D. Untested faith is not mature faith.

II. Satan selects his targets.

A. Job is the perfect target.

1. Compare with Jesus in the wilderness

2. Compare with Adam and Eve

B. Luke 22:31

C. 1 Kings 22:19-31

D. 1 John 3:8

III. The two rounds of tests reveal layers of temptation.

A. Satan may flee; however, he returns.

B. Suffering does not break Job; confusion does it.

1. WHY? Don’t bad things happen to bad people?

IV. Depression sets in with confusion.

A. Not to worry – Job has “friends.”

B. Martin Luther King said, “It’s not the words of my enemies which hurt me; it’s the silence of my friends.

C. Job reminds us that sometimes our friends need to be silent.

V. The speeches of Job’s friends reveal the problem with orthodoxy.

A. Faith+Facts don’t always equal the truth.

B. What’s seen and what’s known don’t tell the whole story.

C. It’s better to know God than to know all the answers.