It’s not about my preparation (or lack thereof), its about God coming to meet us being w us, us feeling His presence

As a pastor, I must prepare you for suffering

Galatians 5:22

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Ephesians 4:2

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.

Colossians 1:11

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy,

Colossians 3:12

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

1. In Job 1:1 and 1:8, it describes a person that is acceptable to God. What does that look like in today's times?"1. He was blameless—2. a man of complete integrity. 3. He feared God and 4. stayed away from evil."

Job 1: 1&8

We can easily be faithful over a week if we tried, but can we.do 40 years? Can we do it despite difficult circumstances?

Job 2:10 - wife curses Job to curse God and die,

1. Man tends to plan to cover for the family, women tend to see the current situation. Would you hold integrity?

2. (Regarding integrity) Many Korean believers tend to go toward ministry/theology with belief that filling head-knowledge or taking positions of serving others is the way to go. Is that the real case? What does God desire of Christians? (to be in the world)

2. Has Job done any wrong in the first seven chapters? If so, what did he do wrong? Did Eliphaz do wrong?

3. Why do people suffer? Why do people go through hardships in life?

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Isaiah 58:6-12

6 “No, this is the kind of fasting I want:Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;

 lighten the burden of those who work for you.

Let the oppressed go free,

 and remove the chains that bind people.

7 Share your food with the hungry,

 and give shelter to the homeless.

Give clothes to those who need them,

 and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

8 “Then your salvation will come like the dawn,

 and your wounds will quickly heal.

Your godliness will lead you forward,

 and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.

9 Then when you call, the Lord will answer.

 ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply.

“Remove the heavy yoke of oppression.

 Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!

10 Feed the hungry,

 and help those in trouble.

Then your light will shine out from the darkness,

 and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

11 The Lord will guide you continually,

 giving you water when you are dry

 and restoring your strength.

You will be like a well-watered garden,

 like an ever-flowing spring.

12 Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.

 Then you will be known as a rebuilder of walls

 and a restorer of homes.