



# Bible Challenge

## Week of July 9th

### **The Bible Challenge - Week of July 9**

You did it! This week we officially mark the halfway point in the Bible Challenge. When you start Monday's readings, you will officially have read over half the Bible. Congratulations!

This week we will begin the book of Job. For many, this may be a dreary way to mark the middle of the Bible Challenge. It is, however, a reassuring and perhaps also a useful book in its own way. Job wrestles with the question "why do bad things happen to good people?" At the risk of spoiling the ending, I will say that many may not find the answer satisfying. On the other hand, reading Job reassures us that this is not a new question, and that we who experience suffering are not alone. As I said, it can also be educational. Job's incredibly unhelpful friends respond to Job much the way some people do today. They give us a helpful lesson in what NOT to do when a friend is troubled. Job's story is a remarkable witness to faith.

#### **Here is this week's reading schedule:**

Monday: Esther 4-6; Psalm 143; II Corinthians 2

Tuesday: Esther 7-8; Psalm 144; II Corinthians 3

Wednesday: Esther 9-10; Psalm 145; II Corinthians 4

Thursday: Job 1-3; Psalm 146; II Corinthians 5

Friday: Job 4-6; Psalm 147; II Corinthians 6

Saturday: Job 7-9; Psalm 148; II Corinthians 7

Sunday: See you in church!