

“He does great things too marvelous to understand. He performs countless miracles. “Yet when he comes near, I cannot see him. When he moves by, I do not see him go.” Job 9:10-11

## [lectio] // JOB 9:1-11

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

## [meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

It is one thing for a human to trust God, to completely and wholly accept everything he does as good, right, just and perfect. It is a very different thing for God to trust a human and to believe that the bond between creator and created will not be broken no matter what that human experiences. God trusted a human male, he trusted that Job could not be convinced to break trust or deny truth that God is always good and right. Job could be trusted with a fierce loyalty that could only come from a deep love for his creator. That love was not forced on him, nor in him. Job wasn't preprogrammed or predetermined to love God, he choose to do so out of years of knowing God even with his limited understanding of God's plans or purpose. This wasn't a test of Job's faith, it was a test of God's plan of creating humans that could truly love him, not for what He does for them, but purely an unselfish act.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I don't know if I will ever get that close to fully loving and fully trusting you with my life, my family's lives and the lives of all those who I love. However, I can trust you today. I can believe that you are right, true, just, good and pure. I can live my life, today, as though I have nothing to worry about because you know what you're doing. To you, out of my deep love for what you have done for me and, more importantly, who you are, I can trust you. My life and my future is in your hands, I yield to you.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root