

PAIN IS TEMPORARY, GOD’S GLORY LASTS FOREVER

Your Story, His Glory

Tragedy, heartache, and difficult times... we have come to expect them in our lives. Even those that faithfully follow God are not immune to life’s “tragedies”. The real test of our faith is how we deal with the hard times in our lives.

13 One day when Job’s sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother’s house,¹⁴ a messenger arrived at Job’s home with this news:

“Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them,¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

16 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

17 While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: “Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

18 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother’s home.¹⁹ Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

20 Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.²¹ He said,

*“I came naked from my mother’s womb,
and I will be naked when I leave.*

*The LORD gave me what I had,
and the LORD has taken it away.*

Praise the name of the LORD!”

22 In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

Job 1:13-22 NLT

1. KEEP YOUR FAITH IN GOD.

20 Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. Job 1:20 NLT

- God is in control, we only see a snapshot of our lives, He sees the big picture.
- Don’t place blame.

2. PRAY

21 He said,

*“I came naked from my mother’s womb,
and I will be naked when I leave.
The LORD gave me what I had,
and the LORD has taken it away.*

Praise the name of the LORD!” Job 1:21

- Don’t cut off your personal communication with God.

3. MAINTAIN YOUR COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD.

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and I will be naked when I leave.
The LORD gave me what I had,
and the LORD has taken it away.*

Praise the name of the LORD!” Job 1:21

- Remember that everything you have was given to you by God.
- Every day, every moment, every relationship is a gift from God.

4. BEWARE OF BAD ADVICE.

His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die." Job 2:9

"Your children must have sinned against Him, so their punishment was well deserved." Job 8:4

5. WAIT ON GOD, HE IS IN CONTROL

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell Me, if you know so much.

*⁵ Who determined its dimensions
and stretched out the surveying line?*

*⁶ What supports its foundations,
and who laid its cornerstone*

*⁷ as the morning stars sang together
and all the angels^[a] shouted for joy?*

*⁸ "Who kept the sea inside its boundaries
as it burst from the womb,*

*⁹ and as I clothed it with clouds
and wrapped it in thick darkness?*

*¹⁰ For I locked it behind barred gates,
limiting its shores.*

*¹¹ I said, 'This far and no farther will you come.
Here your proud waves must stop!'" Job 38:4-11*

- You are a child of the Most High God!
- We have already won, He is waiting for us on the other side of life's tragedies!

"When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before!" Job 42:10

"So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. ¹³ He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters." Job 42:12-13

6. WE WILL BE RESTORED.