

Job Laments

A LIFE OF INTEGRITY



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I started a new book today - and boy did it ever hit hard! "IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY" - me being a control freak and having absolute zilch-o control over any of this is quite a struggle in its own - not even counting the questioning, needing answers, wanting answers, and trying to make sense of it all..... But I am beginning to realize even more that -

- * YES....bad things do happen
- * NO..... I don't believe God causes bad things to happen - but that -
- * GOD has ALL CONTROL of the outcome of these things - and that
- * HE will not leave us during our time of need!

Does that make it any easier? No! Does that make it alright? No! Do I still struggle? EVERY MOMENT!!!

I am continually searching for strength and wisdom during this time!!

So what happens now???? I will continue to question! I will continue to struggle! BUT - I choose to continue to give God praises during this storm!

Job Curses His Birth

Darkness and Gloom

[Job 3:1-6 KJV] 1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 And Job spake, and said, 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night [in which] it was said, There is a man child conceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. 5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 As [for] that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

Job went through lots of suffering but he did not curse God. Rather he cursed the day he was born. Watching a person suffer causes lots of emotions and the desire to help them rises.

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The Pain of Grief

[Job 3:7-10 KJV] 7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. 8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but [have] none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: 10 Because it shut not up the doors of my [mother's] womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

Stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and finally acceptance

The Big Picture is hard to see when one is in intense grief.

Job Regrets His Existence

Questions of Why

[Job 3:11-16 KJV] 11 Why died I not from the womb? [why] did I [not] give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? 12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? 13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, 14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; 15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: 16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants [which] never saw light.

What would the impact be of Job not being born?

Being consumed by intense suffering and pain blocks the view of Jesus

Why Questions

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Questions of Death

[Job 3:17-19 KJV] 17 There the wicked cease [from] troubling; and there the weary be at rest. 18 [There] the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small and great are there; and the servant [is] free from his master.

Pastor Jared Wilson battled depression and finally took his life September 9th. He left behind a beautiful wife and two precious little boys.

We have many circumstances are beyond our control: time, birth, when life happens

We can choose how we respond.

Job's Despair in Suffering

Hedged In

[Job 3:20-23 KJV] 20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter [in] soul; 21 Which long for death, but it [cometh] not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; 22 Which rejoice exceedingly, [and] are glad, when they can find the grave? 23 [Why is light given] to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

Jobs way was hidden in the way he was unable to understand his circumstance and control what lay ahead.

Only God knows what lies ahead for us.

Job's Despair in Suffering

What was feared has come

[Job 3:24-26 KJV] 24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. 26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

My worst nightmare has come.

What did Job long for? Peace, Quietness, and Rest

Our lesson writers say building one's faith and conquering one's fears is most effective in the good times of life.

Job never lost his trust in God. He had built his faith in the good times.

