

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 5, 2015

"Trust When You Are Troubled"

Trouble comes to all of us. It sees no face, no social status, no extraordinary ability – it simply comes. But sometimes we are faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

This is illustrated beautifully in the life of Job. He is a living example of unsolvable problems. Job trusted God in the good times. Soon his life became dark. He endured loss few have ever known. His home destroyed. His family perished. His health ruined. His finances wiped out. His friends questioned his godly reputation.

In the long process of working through his questions and struggles, Job resolved to trust God. He told his wife: "I accept what God has sent. I have accepted good, now I accept adversity." Read this once more, it is THE SECRET OF JOB'S STABILITY! These were at least three reasons, Job responded like this:

First, Job LOOKED UP and was comforted by God's sovereignty.

Second, Job LOOKED AHEAD and was reminded of God's promise: "I know that my Redeemer lives and at last He will take His stand on the earth" (19:25).

Finally, Job LOOKED WITHIN and was shaped by God's instruction. Job 42:6 states that he looked at his life and he repented "in dust and ashes."

So my friend, if your days have been difficult and your nights have been dark and long, find comfort in God's sovereign control and everlasting love. He knows your breaking point. The bruising, crushing and melting you are enduring are designed to reshape you, not ruin you; to make you better not bitter! Your strength and courage will increase the longer the Lord lingers over you. Remembering Job's secret can make all the difference!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD BY ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT!

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