



Woe is Me (Job)

Sunday, June 6, 2021

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1. Job – Righteous, blessed, and successful

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless - a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area.

Job 1:1-3 NLT

2. Job – His faith was tested

“All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the LORD’s presence.

Job 1:12 NLT

“But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!” “All right, do with him as you please,” the LORD said to Satan. “But spare his life.”

Job 2:5-6 NLT

3. Job – Loss, pain, depression, despair

Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant my desire. I wish he would crush me. I wish he would reach out his hand and kill me. At least I can take comfort in this: Despite the pain, I have not denied the words of the Holy One. But I don’t have the strength to endure. I have nothing to live for.

Job 6:8-11 NLT

I vow by the living God, who has taken away my rights, by the Almighty who has embittered my soul - As long as I live, while I have breath from God, my lips will speak no evil, and my tongue will speak no lies.

Job 27:2-4 NLT

I long for the years gone by when God took care of me, when he lit up the way before me and I walked safely through the darkness. When I was in my prime, God’s friendship was felt in my home. The Almighty was still with me, and my children were around me.

Job 29:2-5 NLT

4. Job – Broken, but not defeated

After the LORD had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has...When Job prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before! Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the LORD had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money and a gold ring. 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. He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters.

Job 42:7, 10-13 NLT

Next Steps:

- Accept my “lot” in life and praise God through the good and the bad
- Commit to share my feeling openly with God when struggling with problems and loss
- I will draw closer to God now so that I can face whatever the future holds
- Read Job 1 & 2 this week
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