

Psalm 34:15-18



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The Story Of Job

- Job is introduced as *"a man of complete integrity who feared God and turned away from evil."* (1:1)
- He was very blessed by God with a great family & material blessings.
- Satan (The Adversary) challenges Job's faithfulness to God as being dependent upon his blessings, so God allows for Satan to test Job's faith through great loss.
- Job endures great loss, and three friends (eventually a fourth) seek to teach Job that his loss could only be a result of sin. Though Job cannot fathom why this has happened, he maintains his integrity, and argues back and forth with his friends for his innocence.
- At the end of the book, God gives Job the opportunity to argue with Him, but Job refuses because he knows better. God rebukes the friends for their rash & foolish words. He then turns around to bless Job even more abundantly for his recognition of God's sovereignty.

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4 Things To Remember When We Are Broken By Life

- 1. What we endure is an attack influenced by the evil one.**
- 2. These situations present us with an opportunity for our faith to be tested...will we blame God or praise Him?**
- 3. God is extremely mindful of His people and how we are hurt by the difficult circumstances of this life.**
- 4. In these difficult situations, we are able to see God being with us and providing for us through His people supporting us and loving us all along the way.**

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"Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name as an example of suffering and patience. See, we count as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about—the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

(James 5:10,11)