



Eternal PERSPECTIVE --- Job

BIBLE TEXT | JOB 42:10-17

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. **11** Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold. **12** And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. **13** He had also seven sons and three daughters. **14** And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch. **15** And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. **16** And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. **17** And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

DEVOTIONAL FOR JOB 42:10-17

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Hi; my name is Ashley and I struggle with trust, self-reliance, and control. For most of my adult life I would have considered myself a "problem solver." You have a problem? Well, you have come to the right place, I have A-B-C that can help you solve it! Then I walked through re:generation.

As I worked through inventory with my mentor, she pointed out that I was and have been relying on myself and not Jesus for all the things. Game changer. To say that I was shocked to find out I wasn't actually a problem solver would be an understatement.

As a recovering "problem solver," the story of Job blows my mind. I cannot imagine all the ways I would have been trying to find answers to everything he was going through, spinning my wheels trying to make sense of it all. Yet he trusts and holds fast to what he believes. Years after Job's story took place, Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." Job trusted. Because he trusted, he was able to endure it.



James 1:3 tells us that "for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." To be steadfast is "to be firmly fixed and not subject to change, to be firm in belief and determination, and to be loyal and faithful." Job was steadfast in every way possible.

The story ends with a sigh of relief. Job was restored and given twice as much as he had before. But my favorite part is Job 42:17: "And Job died, an old man, and full of days." Full of days! Job walked through a lot, trial after trial. But he was steadfast. And when he died, he was full of days. Only the Lord could grant that to him!

David Allen says it well in his book Exalting Jesus in Job, "Job learned what we must learn – we are never going to comprehend God's ways; we must learn to trust his character."

Job trusted. Do you?

Questions:

1. Would you consider yourself to be steadfast or a problem-solver when life is hard and seems out of control?
2. Is there an area in your life you are struggling to let go and trust the Lord with?
3. Can we truly trust God's character if we are not abiding with him daily? If you need help with where to start or need a daily reading plan, please reach out or check out www.stonepointchurch.com, then the Resources tab, then Bible Reading Plans.