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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2017 LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

Our God has blessed and allowed us to see the dawning of a new year.

We are thankful for the opportunity to share God's word in 2017.

Many of you have experienced the temporary separation from friends and family. We keep you in our prayers as you adjust to life on earth without them.

In September, we began our walk through the story of Job that reminds us, trusting God and obeying his word, does not mean we have an easy, uneventful life as some might think.

LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

We are reminded that Satan's second attack left Job's body afflicted with boils from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. There was such a drastic change in Job's appearance that his friends did not recognize him. Job's flesh was coated with worms and clods of dust. He has contentious pain in his bones, his skin is black, and he has a fever. His wife offers a cure to his dilemma. Curse God and die.

Job's friends have one theme: God blesses the good so you must be wicked.

THE TALKS CONTINUE:

I would like to think, Job's friends loved him so much they were trying to solve the problem and the sooner Job would confess his sins and asked God to forgive him, the better off he would be.

After hearing but not listening to Job's respond to their first speeches, his friends moved on to the second round of speaking which was a continuation of their first speech. You can feel the tension in their words. Bildad, Job chapter 18, wonders how long will Job continue to speak this way and regard his friends as reputed (stupid).

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The key point noted in scripture is that, Job's friends did not provide comfort. In fact, they criticized him. They all used the same assumption to argue their points in that Job must be wicked because God is punishing Job and God only punishes the wicked. At this point, their tempers are becoming short and so are their speeches. Zophar is so disturbed by Jobs words that his second speech is his last.

Job chapter 16: 1-5 The Windbag Speeches:

In the second round of speeches, Eliphaz, stressed that the wicked suffer despair and anguish, not the good. Bildad, the wicked can expect punishment from God. Zophar the triumph of the wicked is short-lived.

It would appear that they were trying to make Job see their point of view. He was a sinner and God was punishing him. There is no other reason to explain such great lost and suffering.

JOB DESCRIBES HOW HE FEELS IN 16:1-5 (KJV)

Then Job answered and said, I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

Shall vain words have an end? or that emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

The Message (MSG) Then Job defended himself: Job 16:1-5

I've had all I can take of your talk. What a bunch of miserable comforters! Is there no end to your windbag speeches? What's your problem that you go on and on like this? If you were in my shoes, I could talk just like you. I could put together a terrific harangue (lecture) and really let you have it. But I would never do that. I would console and comfort, make things better, not worse!

WINDBAG

There is a key point in Job's statement. As he speaks with his friends, he knows them and their history. It is obvious when he expresses himself in chapter 16:1-5

He has gone through great loss, physical pain, mental stress, wife issues, and an ongoing three-man tag team's verbal abuse as to his need to confess his sins that has caused all these problems.

He lets them know, I have had enough. You are my friends, but you have not provided any comfort.

They gave, windbag speeches, meaning, his friends talked at length but did not say anything. They stated unsupported empty words. They had deaf ears that were not open to hear, and a fixed mind that claimed to know the reason for and the remedy that would solve Job's problems.

Job lets them know, if it were the other way around, I could talk just like you and get in your face but, I would not do you like that. I would console, comfort, and make things better not worse.

Closing:

There are times when we go through pain and sorrow and it just continues to come. We seek understanding, and help from others only to be treated like a stranger in a barren land. How should we respond? As children of the King, we should always respond in love, honoring our God and rising above that which would only please the flesh for a season.

We have the ability to act in an ungodly manner, but why should we? Our God provides all we need. What our Lord allows in our life is for our good and his glory. When we trust and obey, are actions shows the love of God to others.

The story continues next time. His steward, Karen Jan 2017 unedited

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