

RESPOND WELL TO FINISH WELL

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Life is a journey filled with various challenges, and it is comforting to know that God understands our struggles. By examining Job's five responses, we can glean insights that will empower us to overcome obstacles and emerge victorious in our faith.

1. WORSHIP GOD (JOB 1)

Job, a man of impeccable character, found himself confronted with unimaginable loss despite his righteousness. This serves as a poignant reminder that trials can befall anyone, regardless of their virtue. In the face of devastating grief, Job fell to the ground and worshiped God. It is crucial that we authentically acknowledge our pain and sorrow while simultaneously placing our hope in God's unwavering sovereignty. Through worship, we not only express our unwavering faith but also find solace in the presence of the Almighty.

2. ACCEPT ADVERSITY (JOB 2)

As Job's suffering escalated with the affliction of painful boils, his wife, driven by despair, urged him to curse God. However, Job responded with unwavering resilience and integrity. He recognized that adversity is not confined to times of prosperity but can arise in any circumstance. Job's example reminds us of the importance of gratitude even amidst the darkest of trials. By expressing thankfulness to God, we acknowledge His presence and sovereignty in every situation.

3. REFRAME OUR "HEDGE" (JOB 3-37)

Throughout his conversations with well-intentioned friends, Job harbored a distorted perception of God's protective "hedge," viewing it as a confining prison. Unbeknownst to Job, the same term "hedge" was also used by Satan to refer to God's protective barrier. Thus, Job failed to recognize that his challenging circumstances were an opportunity for God's protection and greater purposes. We must shift our perspective and understand that trials, when embraced with faith, provide opportunities for God to sustain us and bring forth growth and transformation. Trusting in God's providence and viewing challenges as part of His plan allows us to persevere and emerge stronger.

4. BE STILL (JOB 38-41)

Job's friends attempted to offer explanations for his suffering, but their words lacked understanding and empathy. Job, however, discerned the futility of their arguments and chose silence before God. Sometimes, the most profound response to someone in pain is silent companionship. Likewise, in our relationship with God, being still allows us to acknowledge His sovereignty and humbly submit ourselves before Him. Job's silence in the presence of God reframed his perspective, enabling him to gain a deeper understanding of divine majesty. Through stillness, we position ourselves to hear and experience God's profound wisdom and grace.

5. SEE AND REPENT (JOB 42)

In the culmination of Job's journey, he encounters God personally, resulting in his heartfelt repentance. This encounter allowed Job to grasp a more profound understanding of God's character and sovereignty. The shift in Job's perspective from seeking answers to encountering the Almighty marked a pivotal moment in his life. His repentance served as a testament to his newfound humility and recognition that God's ways transcend human comprehension. Consequently, God bestowed abundant blessings upon Job, restoring his life and bringing greater fulfillment.

Job's story serves as a prelude to the redemptive work of Jesus, who brings meaning to our suffering and offers the promise of abundant life. By studying Job's responses, we learn the importance of worshiping God in all circumstances, accepting adversity with gratitude, reframing our perspective to view trials as opportunities for growth, finding solace and wisdom in stillness, and seeking genuine repentance. Embracing these principles enables us to navigate life's challenges with grace and endurance, bringing us closer to God's purpose for our lives. As we respond well to the trials we face, we discover the fulfillment of God's plans, growing in faith and experiencing His abundant grace and love.

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

JOB 1:21-22

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What hinders you from worshipping or giving praise to God when you're experiencing problems?

What concrete steps can you take so that you can fully give thanks and worship God even in the midst of trials?

Do you know someone who is in the middle of a trial? How can you share Jesus with that person?

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*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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