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1. We experience **suffering** in this world.

Job 1:1 – *There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.*

What do we know about Job?

- i. He **lived** holy
- ii. He **worshiped** God
- iii. He **walked** faithful

Hardship in life isn't always...

- a. Punishment from **God**
- b. Result of moral **failure**
- c. Indication of weak **faith**

1 Peter 1:6-7 – *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

2. We worship God in every **season** of life.

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How do we worship God when life is falling apart?

- i. Know God in intimate **ways**
- ii. Live above painful **circumstances**
- iii. Overcome the enemy's **lies**
- iv. Learn from other **servants** (Joseph, Job, Paul, Jesus)
- v. Witness for God's **glory**

Job worshiped God by his life and his lips. What does worship look like when life is hard?

- a. Trust
- b. Forgive
- c. Praise

3. We need to guard our words.

Job 2:13 – *And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.*

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What do we do when a person is hurting?

- i. Reach out to the person
- ii. Spend time together
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What happens when we need to speak?

- a. Use God's Word
- b. Ask God for wisdom
- c. Learn to listen well

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

What's the proper attitude when we pray? Do you remember a time in life when you prayed and wrestled with God's love and care?

- i. Honesty
- ii. Trust
- iii. Dependency
- iv. Confession
- v. Thankfulness

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