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Will your relationship with God be strong enough when trials come?

Read: Job 1-2

The Bible is full of truth and wisdom from God's own words and from stories of people throughout their lifetime—we can learn so much from it. The book of Job shows us the breadth and depth of human suffering in one man's life. We see suffering in health (Job 2:7), suffering in the loss of property (1:14-17), and suffering in the tragic death of family members (1:18-19). We also listen in on a discussion between God and Satan (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7), in which God delights in the upright life of Job and is willing to allow Satan to test Job's faithfulness. "When Job's three friends hear about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes to go and meet with him and comfort him." (Job 2:11)

Questions to Consider

- 1) How did Job know that God was always with him?
- 2) What items do you use to help guide you during your personal devotion time with God? (Journal, Bible, Candle, etc.)
- 3) How do you think Job maintained his faithfulness without access to the items you have today?
- 4) How are you cultivating friends and developing mentors who will comfort you in times of need?
- 5) Will your relationship with God be strong enough when trials come?

The Bible is packed with powerful books and verses to continually fill our hearts and minds by memorizing and meditating on them. God's word offers us light and truth for our days and encourages a closer walk with him. It gives us hope, comfort, and peace for even the most difficult of times.

If you've never read through the entire Bible, or even if you've read it through many times, it's always well worth the time to give focus and attention to God's word of truth and wisdom.



Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your precious book of faith. Help us to always search for your truth and wisdom that we may maintain our faithfulness and endure our trials. We pray for stronger faith and a right perspective to see our situation through your eyes and to know you are always with us.

In Your Holy Name We Pray, Amen

