

GOD WORKS THROUGH PROBLEMS

Family Devotion – Lesson 25

MEMORY VERSE—JOB 1:23

“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

- Job was facing a big problem in his life. He was under attack from the devil:
 - His cattle, sheep, and camels were stolen.
 - His servants were killed.
 - His sons and daughters all died.
- God had allowed all these things to happen for a reason. Job did not understand why, but he did understand that the Lord gave him everything he had. It was then fit or acceptable that God could also take everything away.
- God is worthy of worship, trust, and service, even when we are going through problems.
- If you worship and obey God only because things are going well, the shallowness of your faith will be revealed in times of trouble.
- Job did not see how the Lord was working behind the scene. The devil challenged God and said the only reason Job feared God was because he had been so blessed. He told God that if Job’s wealth was taken away, Job would curse him (Job 1:8-11). God gave permission to the devil to cause problems in Job’s life to prove the faithfulness of Job.
- It is important to remember that your faith can grow through problems and you can be a great testimony to the goodness of God.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How do you think Job felt when he got the all the bad news? Did Job let his feelings determine his faith?
- Why do you think it is important to know and realize that everything we have comes from God?
- Why is it helpful to remember that *“Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward”* (Job 5:7)?

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you remember that trouble is going to come our way and not to be caught off guard.
- Ask God to increase your faith through problems.
- Ask God to help you not get caught up in feelings when you face trouble.

CHALLENGE

- The next time you face a problem remember to worship and praise God for who He is.