



Unpacking Hope

When Hope Hurts ... "The Story of Job"
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Question: What do you do when you try to hope, but it seems to be hurting you more than helping you?

Answer: Look to biblical examples of others who have had to hurt while hoping.

The Story of Job

Who was Job?

Often described as a gentle patriarch much like Abraham...

- Job was a man of great wealth. **Job 1:3**
- Job was the head of a large family for whom he served as priest. **Job 1:5**
- Job was a husband. **Job 1:2**
- Job was a father. **Job 1:2**
- Job was a blameless and upright man who feared God and shunned evil. **Job 1:1**

Sometimes an **obedient** walk before the Lord will position you to be **trusted** by God. What do you do when your obedience **qualifies** you for pain? **Job 1:6-8**

Are you **hurting** in this season of your life, not because you've done anything wrong, but simply because you've been CONSIDERED!!!

When you have a strong relationship with God, the enemy and even your enemies, know and can testify to the fact that the hand of the Lord is on your life. **Job 1:9-10**

The enemy is banking on you not being able to withstand the hurt that comes from hoping. **Job 1:11**

God will **auction** you up without your awareness or permission. **Job 1:12**

Let's Look at Job's Hurt...

1. Job's oxen and donkeys were killed, plus the servants. **Job 1:13-15**
2. Job's sheep were killed, plus the servants. **Job 1:16**
3. Job's camels were killed, plus the servants. **Job 1:17**
4. Job's children died. **Job 1:18-19**

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He lost all of his financial wealth and his children ALL in one day! (...while he was still speaking...)

How would you respond if you lost everything that was dear to you in a matter of hours?

Would you curse God?

Would you walk away from the faith?

Would you seek revenge?

Job teaches us what to do when hoping is hurting

1. **Worship** **Job 1:20**
2. **Remember your true nature** **Job 1:21**
3. **Praise** **Job 1:21**
4. **Do not think that God is trying to harm you** **Job 1:22; Romans 8:28**
5. **Trust God** **Job 1:22**

Worship

Worship is our **response** to God for who He is. We worship God to convey our reverent honor and gratitude for his holiness. **Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 99:9; Psalm 29:2**

Remember your true nature

The first thing that God **created** when he had you in mind was what could only be seen spiritually, not naturally (or inwardly, not outwardly) **Genesis 1:26-30; 2:4-7; John 4:24**

Every treasure that we have comes from God. We did not **arrive** into this world with anything, and we will not **depart** from this world with anything. **1 Timothy 6:7; Ecclesiastes 5:15; Job 1:21**

Praise

No matter what you may be going through God is and will always be **worthy** of praise. Something happens when we shift our focus off of our problems and onto God's greatness. All of a sudden what seemed large becomes very small standing next to the King of Kings. God is great and greatly to be praised!

Job 1:21; Psalm 145:1-3,10-13,21; Psalm 146:1-2; Psalm 148; Psalm 150

Trust God

Even though you might be facing one of the most difficult seasons of your life, your difficulties do not change who God is. God can be trusted! **Lean** and **depend** on Him. Trust in the power of His NAME.

Psalm 20:1-4, 6-7 (NLT); Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 91:1-15