

WORD LIVING

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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2017 LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

Greetings to each of you this fourth month of 2017. What a blessing to be alive and have another opportunity to tell others about our soon coming King.

The journey of Job continues to encourage us to walk by faith no matter the storms in our life.

Perhaps you feel as I do, that the Bible is true and every word provides us with all we need to succeed. Then there comes a left hook—a boxing term—noting where the punch came from and the force knocked the opponent out.

As children of the king, we all feel the power of the left hook but how we respond is key.

Satan knows and hates God's children, for he hates God. He receives permission to attack us, but through our storms we become even stronger. Perhaps, like Job, others need to see our faith, our actions, and our love for God in 2017 vs. reading the history of others from long ago.

The Bible is our road map! Our guide through the successes, failures, and struggles of life. We, God's children, are called to take his word and project its truth to people in their current everyday language.

LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

Many times, while writing, I add some personal experiences that relates to the subject. I had no real experience in sudden lost and certainly, not to the depth of Job. I have experienced the death of family members, via sickness and age, but nothing like Job.

So how can I express to you the emotions of loss in 2017 terms? Let's deal with something simple that many understand, use, and rely on every day—the computer.

We store millions, or perhaps billions, pieces of data in the computer like demographics, research, personal, financial, medical, and the list goes on. At our fingertips, we can view the world, and talk with and live stream family and friends around the world. We can touch-screen an object, type in a code, place an order and have it delivered by a droan to our door. And yet, in a moment's notice, all can be stolen, even our identity by an unknown person on the other side of the world or right next door. When this happens, you feel a loss not like Job, but a loss of something that has meaning to you.

Now, just walk with me:

- 1. Turn on the computer to work and there is a PW.... Code that shows but nothing that looks close to what you were working on last night.**
- 2. Turn it off and start again. Panic, call the Geek (Computer Tech).**
- 3. Face feels warm, drink water, and wait for Geek (it has been 3 minutes).**
- 4. "You have been hacked and your files are encrypted. You need to take your computer to the store."**
- 5. Blood pressure rises, wrap up the computer like a baby, after all it is 8 years old, lay it in the car, drive like crazy, the tech says, "We may not get all of your data back." Did I add my strange hair do, stomach upset, and headache?**
- 6. There are years of research, ideas, and the body begins to respond to the external pressure and worry takes over.**
- 7. Satan does his dance and hits me again and it continues.**

What just happened, perhaps, has happened to countless others over the course of time. A dear friend once told me he had worked on a project all night and as he went to hit the save button the power went out. Everything was lost.

None of the above can be compared with the loss that Job experienced, but my point is, I failed to learn a key lesson from Job – Job Chapter 1 verse 20. After receiving the news of his great loss, Job arose, rent his mantle, shaved his head, fell upon the ground, and worshipped. Now history notes to rent the mantle and shave one's head is a sign of mourning but he WORSHIPPED GOD.

Now to worship is to give Him our love, reverence, service, and devotion. Job responded to his loss, yet he worshiped God. This is the key point for us today.

It took some time for this to set in. I had to get on my knees before God and ask his forgiveness for not trusting him more. For allowing Satan to create in my mind all the what if's, letting him keep me up late with worry and a headache about information that was deleted but could remain in the shadows of the computer. Satan's mission is to steal, kill and destroy God's children.

Then I just prayed for Jesus to give me peace. First, this is God's business and He controls all. It's his permissive will in action to help me grow and learn how to trust God in the storm. To worry is to be anxious or uneasy and thinking about what may happen. Worry is the way we respond to external pressures.

Let me review: I have the New Testament writings from Matthew 6:25-27, don't worry; Psalm 37:1-40, trust in the Lord; and Philippians 4:6, make your requests be known unto the Lord. Job did not have the advantages I have today and yet in his limited understanding, he focused on what really mattered, to worship God in great loss.

I had to come to grips that my God allows us to go through temporary problems so that we grow and have a testimony to share with others.

Our Lord uses actions to shape us for his work and strip us of all unnecessary attachments that waste valuable time. He uses them to draw us closer to him so we spend time in his presence—and most of all, that we may rely on him for even the most miniscule decisions that we must face.

Through this struggle, I was reminded from Job that all is in the hands of God. Satan must get permission from God to attack his children and even in the attack, my God is faithful and yet will I serve him. The conclusion of Job next time.

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PS: If you have an old computer, make sure you have what you need to protect your information from hackers. His steward, Karen Cheatham

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