

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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

Greetings to each of you this 5th 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 relevant and continues to be the only guide that can give clear directions in the maze of confusion that fills the media today.

Our world is in a state of unrest. Covertness, greed, lies, and every type of sinful act seems to be acceptable and yet the name of Jesus is forbidden to be spoken in most settings.

Churches talk political topics, but avoid standing on the biblical truth that all sin is wrong. The Bible has addressed these issues before. Many followed a plan that seemed right, but the path lead to failure, heartache, sickness, separation for God, financial distress, great loss to future generations, and/or death.

Today, we must stand on the solid rock and proclaim truth no matter the cost.

LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

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.

May 2017, in the age of instant access to information, there is still a message in God's word that is helpful for all we face today. For example:

- **The news is filled with unrest. If there was ever a oneness in the United States, the media shows it no longer exist. In fact, what we see is an ongoing move in various directions were even family members are at odds.**
- **The body of Christ sometimes falls short in providing the help, support, and nurturing that some expect when they go through a storm. Storms should draw us closer. When we are in a storm, the prayers and support of family and friends brings comfort. Just knowing someone cares can make a significant difference and when no one cares, the wound takes longer if ever, to heal.**
- **Many struggle with basic needs, health care, transportation, repairs, debt, family issues, and the list continues.**
- **There is an answer from the word God wrote so long ago.**

LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

Let me be clear, Job faced problems, but it was his response to those problems that is the focus. We will always have some problems, but how we respond is what really matters. Do we trust Jesus in every aspect of our life? Do we give praise in the storm and show our love for who he is?

- **Mrs. Job was taking it hard as it relates to the great loss. Her thoughts, after all that God had done or permitted to happen to them perhaps made her bitter. Why should Job keep his integrity? Curse God and die! But after Job received the news, he rent his mantle, he shaved his head, and he worshipped God. In all, he sinned not nor charged God foolishly. Job responds to the storm.**

- **In the time of trouble, one expects friends and family to come and give support or give words of comfort. Job's wife could not support or comfort him. Perhaps she struggled with the sudden loss of all her children, wealth, servants, and Job's physical condition. Maybe she was angry at God for allowing them to endure such a great loss in such a narrow timeframe. It is not clear, but her words noted deep pain and the inability to follow the actions of Job.**
- **Jobs' friends cannot provide comfort for they are trapped in their thinking about God. Each of his three (3) friend's conversations reflected the conviction that God punishes sinners, and the conclusion that God must be punishing Job for some sin. They are relentless in their speech that Job confess so that God would forgive him.**
- **With all that Job faced, the loss, the physical pain, friends and wife who provide no comfort, and his God was silent, Job did not sin.**
- **From Job, we learn that each storm is a teacher, the purpose beyond our understanding, we can ask God why, but God need not answer. When we consider his majesty, wisdom, unconditional love, there can only be total submission to our Lord in the storm.**
- **Our total submission puts us in a position to be restored.**
- **Job acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his life and receives more than he had before his trials.**
- **Why do the Godly suffer? There is not a simple answer. But there is comfort in that God loves us, and will never leave us.**

Next month LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

Preparing for the Storms

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Wellness.**

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those who attend. Why continue in
debt?**

SPECIAL INVITATION

“LET IT GO”

Has been rescheduled. Please keep the planners
in prayer. We will post a revised date soon.

United Conference for Men

May 26-28, 2017

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Contact: 517-882-1293

42nd Annual United Conference for Women

October 13 – 15, 2017

Kalahari Resort & Conventions

Sandusky, OH

ESTATE PLANNING

November 18, 2017

Health West – Muskegon, MI