

# 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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help themselves*

## WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016 LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

In September, we began our walk through the story of Job. We pause this month to bring the theme of the story to the realness of today.

Sometimes, there are stories in scripture that strike home. The story of Job, touches each of us because we can relate that things happen in life that seem so unfair. Though we know the outcome of the story of Job, the journey is not one that we would have chosen.

The Bible notes some who yielded all to God and who did not have an easy, uneventful life. Many were stripped of all earthly possessions. John, was living in exile on the island of Patmos. Paul was beaten and left for dead. John the Baptist was beheaded for speaking the truth. The apostles were beaten and some killed. Stephen, one of the first deacons, preached the truth, the witnesses were bribed to lie, and he was stoned to death.

Lord, they yielded all to you. Yet those who had no real relationship with you, mocked your name, denied your existence, lived outside of your will, and seem to prosper more.

**Why is Life So Unfair?**

## **WHY?**

**The word why, an adverb, is used to ask or talk about the reason, purpose, or cause of something, cannot always produce an answer befitting the question. Some questions can be answered based on the actions leading up to that point. But many questions can only be answered by our Lord.**

**When we began the story of Job, we read some of the whys, yet for the details in total, all was not known. At times, God did not speak to nor answer Job's questions. WHY?**

**Even today, as life's trials seem to have no end, there is no answers to why. In some cases, we may never know and/or understand. That is why faith in action and trust in our Lord is so important.**

**As we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, look toward 2017 and pray for peace, there are people who still go to bed hungry, lonely, and without hope. We struggle with unmet needs and no financial means hope seems a distant reality. A livable wage with affordable benefits has fallen on deaf ears. Money to pay the medical bills, utilities, food and gas is never enough and each month the bills increase as the income decreases. Lord I follow your word; I just cannot seem to get ahead. WHY?**

**One should note that those who suffer see life different than those who have never known difficult times. Asaph, the writer of Psalm 73, can help us address this point. " The principle of retribution or fair returns was a common assumption of the Jewish people. Because of their limited understanding of the afterlife, ancient Israelites expected justice to be assured in this life." Why Is Life So Unfair" RBC Discovery House?**

**Asaph, like Job's friends, viewed the principle of retribution (payback, justice) as those who do good and are rewarded in proportion to their goodness. But, we know that the joy of eternity with Jesus exceeds the limited joy and/or the temporary pain of this life. Yet, as we go through, the reward of eternity seems so far away. Perhaps, like Asaph, we view the events of life through our limited eyes and wonder why God allows it to continue. Why?**

**As I read Psalm 73, I understood the pain that I and others who love the Lord have felt. In our human bodies, we sometimes focus on the here and now. We see the beauty of the creation of God and desire to enjoy it.**

**Asaph was David's chief musician, a song writer, and a prophet. He was a man with spiritual influence and he began to doubt the goodness of God.**

**He held back speaking his doubts and fears because of what it could do to the future generations.**

**Where did he go for the answer he needed? Asaph went to the sanctuary. The sanctuary, a place where answers are found. The sanctuary, the tabernacle, and the tent of meetings that was a place of worship prior to the building of the temple in Jerusalem. A place to be in the presence of God and hear from him, and to be renewed and filled with his truth and wisdom.**

**We note that wisdom (knowledge, understanding, insight) is a gift received when Jesus is the center of our vision.**

**Why is Life So Unfair? Well, when we worship it puts Jesus at the center of our thoughts. At that point, we see things as they are, not the way we want them to be. We see ourselves, perhaps envious of the prosperity of the wicked. They seem to have it so good. Great jobs, money, houses, cars, travel, vacation, clothes, best medical care and the list goes on.**

**But in the sanctuary, His word reminds us of his judgment that will come upon the wicked who continue their evil ways. (2 Peter 3:9; Rev 20:15)**

**Why is Life So Unfair? It would seem that way, if this earthly life was all there is. The trade of temporary enjoyment vs. eternal life with Jesus is not unfair, it's a costly choice.**

**Why is Life So Unfair? Why can't I have both? Job did, but then we might complain about the temporary lost and physical pain.**

**Why is Life So Unfair? If you consider the fact that on our own we can do nothing. Jesus Christ, our Lord died on the cross so we could have eternal life, he provides, and protects us even when we walk outside of his will. Would you call that unfair?**

**Why is Life So Unfair? Unfair (unjust, unearned, unmerited), perhaps the question should be based on what we do, (sin daily) and what do we deserve?**

**Thank you for your prayerful support to this ministry. Word Living Newsletter began over 24 years ago and continues because of our love for the Lord and the desire that all be saved.**

**We thank those that assist in editing and they know how much I appreciate all they do. We invite you to visit our website, share the information, schedule a 2017 Financial Wellness sessions to learn more about God's plan for you. There is no cost and information is provided.**

**Should the Lord delay his coming, we will continue the story of Job in January, 2017. With love and prayers His Steward, Karen**

### **LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD**



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