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Still Standing



- This statement is not a **cry** of **defeat**, but a **declaration** of **praise**
- We need to develop a "**Bounce Back Spirit**"
 - **Job**

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

Job 1:1-3

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:8-12

- His **oxen** and **donkeys** were stolen (vs. 13-15)
- His **sheep** were consumed by fire (vs. 16)
- His **camels** were stolen by raiding parties (vs. 17)
- His **sons** and **daughters** were killed by a storm (vs. 18-19)

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, may the name of the Lord be praised." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:20-22

- Through **all** of this Job still did not **sin**

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

Job 2:3

His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Job 2:9-10

- **Integrity** – upright, **blameless**, steadfast, complete, **purity** in heart

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 11:3

- No matter what may **happen**, I am going to **trust** Him

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7

- Our faith is of greater **worth** than anything this **world** has to offer
- Integrity is a **crucial component** of a "Bounce Back Spirit"

The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:12-13