

Subject: Sermon Recap: Confrontation and Worldly Philosophy - Job 17-18 - Part 2

Brothers & Sisters,

We are grateful for each of you and for the time we share together in God's Word. Below is a brief recap of our recent sermon for your reflection and encouragement throughout the week. For a copy of the teaching notes and a number of discipleship materials, please go [HERE].

Summary: The sermon explored Job 17 of our two-part teaching in chapters 17-18 as we continue looking at the confrontation between Job and his friend Bildad. Bildad's words, while containing truths about the nature and consequences of wickedness, were wrongly and harshly applied to Job, a man God Himself had called righteous. We examined how a worldview shaped too heavily by worldly philosophy can deaden our spiritual eyes and ears, causing us to hear without truly listening and to speak truth without rightly discerning its proper application. Through it all, Job's battered but unbroken faith stands as a powerful example of what it means to keep turning back to God even in the depths of suffering, confusion, and accusation.

Takeaways:

1. Worldly philosophy, even when it contains elements of truth, can corrupt our ability to rightly apply God's truth to the lives of those around us. Bildad's theology was not entirely wrong, but his conclusions about Job were, and the damage his words caused was real.
2. The wicked, as Bildad describes in Job 18:5-16, are ultimately their own worst enemy, applying man-made wisdom to what are fundamentally spiritual problems. This is a sobering reminder of how far from God an unanchored heart can drift.
3. Faithfulness does not mean the absence of struggle. Job questioned, wrestled, and cried out, yet he kept returning to God. That persistent return, even through pain and confusion, is itself a profound expression of faith.

We hope these truths settle deeply into your heart and mind this week. For teaching notes and additional discipleship materials, please visit the watch tab on our app or website, where sermon documents are typically posted the day after each service.

With grace and love in Christ,

Pastor Jim

Job 17-18, Confrontation & Worldly Philosophy – Part 2

Discussion Prompts

Don't be shy or embarrassed, this is a safe place to talk, learn, and grow. All of us should walk with an attitude of grace and Godly love in encouraging one another to contribute to our shared growth in the Lord.

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1. Together, create a list of the major causes of hopelessness today. What lessons can we apply from Job in overcoming this hopelessness today. Note: that this hopelessness is often found in the church, how does this color your thoughts?
2. The sermon describes Bildad as speaking things that are sometimes true but always hard, and misapplying those truths to Job — how do we guard against the danger of wielding correct theology as a weapon rather than offering it as a healing balm?
3. The sermon describes a cycle in which the wisdom of the wicked leads him further and further from God — how does this pattern manifest in the lives of people today, and what is the antidote to that downward spiral?

Job 17-18

Confrontation & Worldly Philosophy – Part 2

I. Introduction: Back to Bildad

Additional Scripture References: Job 16:9-14 to Job 18:11-16 & Job 16:18-19 to 18:17-21

II. Job 18:1-4: The Great Accusation

- False premise: Circumstances determine righteousness

III. Job 18:5-16: The Darkness & Difficulty of a Wicked Life

IV. Job 18:17-21: The Destiny of the Wicked

V. Closing: Our Hope is in God

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Job 17-18

Confrontation & Worldly Philosophy – Part 2

I. Introduction: Back to Bildad

1. Here, in chapter 18, Bildad continues his string of sometimes true and always hard words about and to Job. While he and Job's other close friends came to bring comfort, they instead brought words of confrontation feeling like persecution to Job as their theology embraced too much worldly philosophy.
2. Bildad says much that is true about the life of the wicked in verses 5-21 while wrongly grouping Job in with that group in the opening 4 verses.
3. As you travel through chapter 18, you may note that Bildad boomerangs several of Job's statements in using them as a cudgel on Job (examples include Job 16:9-14 to Job 18:11-16 and Job 16:18-19 to 18:17-21, and others). Like the other friends, Bildad was listening to Job, but he was not hearing him nor was he able to consider and discern if there was truth in them. Their worldview had deadened their spiritual eyes and ears.

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II. Job 18:1-4: The Great Accusation

1. The summary of these opening verses is Bildad rebukes Job for his words and his attack on his friends. Job's claims of being wise AND of the friends being unwise were, in Bildad's view, patently false as is evidenced by Job's circumstances being the result of God's judgment.

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III. Job 18:5-16: The Darkness & Difficulty of a Wicked Life

1. Before digging a little deeper, I note that vs 5-6 present a life marked by hopelessness, while verses 7-16 paint a picture of the dangerous, sorrowful, and miserable walk of the wicked.

2. In v5-6, we read that the wicked are their own worst enemy.
3. Two things jumped to us in v7 (and again later), including (1) the wicked lose strength (for strength comes from the light, aka the Lord), and (2) the wisdom of the wicked further corrupts him as it (on a rinse-and-repeat-cycle) leads them yet further and further away from the Lord.
4. In verse 8-10, we see the nets, snares, nooses, and traps of the enemy and the world stand ready to capture a wicked heart. What's more, the wicked man neither avoids or resists, but throws himself/herself into its bondage.
5. In v11, we read that apart from God, the wicked lives in constant GREAT fear of his heart's hopes and plans unraveling. This terror drives him to try harder, but he does so by applying man-wisdom to what is a spiritual problem.
6. V12 notes the declining strength of the wicked even as the seductive call of destruction beckons them further still.
7. Finally, in the whole passage, culminating in verses 12-16, we read that like a bug drawn to a bug zapper, the wicked can't help but answer the seductive call of destruction so often veiled by mankind's evil hearts. In the end, the result is not protection, but watching the king of terrors dry and wither away life.

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IV. Job 18:17-21: The Destiny of the Wicked

1. Here, we note the loneliness of being forgotten and lost. Bildad paints the picture of Job having NO legacy as seen with having no son nor posterity, including no remnant of his own family.
2. Second, in v 21, rather than closing with a more gentle and inviting note of a friend come to care for a suffering brother, Bildad breaks

out the BIGGEST GUN-of-ACCUSATION ...Job does NOT know God.

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V. Closing: Our Hope is in God

1. Let's be reminded again that while Job may literally be in Bildad's sights, Job is not the man Bildad's words ultimately describe. The truths Bildad speaks about God's righteousness and the consequences of wickedness are true—but they are being misapplied to Job, who God Himself has called a righteous man.

And consider what Job has endured. Satan has attacked him. His friends have mocked and misunderstood him. Fear, depression, confusion, and even flawed, works-based thinking have clouded his understanding. He has lost his wealth, his children, his health, and his standing. And then, as if all of that weren't enough, he has had to endure the relentless accusations of those closest to him.

Yet through it all, Job has not walked away from God.

He has questioned God. He has wrestled with God. He has cried out to God. At times, he has spoken out of deep pain and confusion. But he keeps coming back to God.

Again and again, beneath the questions and anguish, Job affirms his faith and his hope in the God he cannot fully understand.

Job's faith is battered, but it is not broken. His understanding is shaken, but his hope has not died. And perhaps that is one of the great lessons of Job: faithfulness doesn't mean we never struggle with God; it means that, even in our struggles, we faithfully turn back to Him.

[Prayer]

5-Day Devotional

Job 17-18

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Day 1: When the Spirit Is Broken, Prayer Remains

Reading: Job 17:1-9

Devotional: Job's circumstances were devastating. His body was failing, his reputation was shattered, and those closest to him had turned against him. Yet even in that broken state, Job did not stop speaking to God. He complained, he questioned, he lamented -- but he kept turning toward heaven rather than away from it. Job 17:3 captures a man pleading his case before the only One who truly knows him. There is a profound lesson here: prayer is not reserved for our strongest moments. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is bring our broken spirit directly to God and refuse to let go.

In what area of your life are you tempted to go silent before God rather than honest with Him? Set aside ten minutes today to pray without filtering your words. Bring God your confusion, your grief, or your frustration exactly as it is.

Day 2: Hope That Outlasts Hopelessness

Reading: Job 17:10-16

Devotional: Job looked at his circumstances and saw what appeared to be a dead end. His plans were buried, his future uncertain, and the grave seemed closer than any comfort. And yet, even in this passage soaked in despair, Job continued to speak. He had not gone silent. He had not walked away. The very act of wrestling with hopelessness before God is itself a form of hope -- because it presupposes that God is still there and still listening. Romans 5:3-5 reminds us that suffering produces perseverance, and perseverance produces character, and character produces a hope that does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

Have you ever confused the feeling of hopelessness with the absence of hope? What is the difference? Write down one promise from Scripture that you are choosing to stand on today, even if your circumstances have not yet changed.

Day 3: The Danger of Misapplied Truth

Reading: Job 18:1-4

Devotional: Bildad's words were not entirely wrong -- they were wrongly aimed. He took genuine truths about God's righteousness and the consequences of wickedness and weaponized them against a man God Himself had declared righteous. This is one of the subtler dangers of worldly philosophy creeping into spiritual counsel: it can dress itself in theological language while missing the heart of God entirely. Proverbs 18:13 warns against answering before truly listening. True biblical wisdom requires not just knowing what is true, but discerning when and to whom it applies. Correct doctrine delivered without discernment and love can become a weapon rather than a balm.

Have you ever received or delivered truth in a way that wounded rather than healed? What would love have looked like in that moment? Before offering counsel or correction to someone this week, pause and ask yourself whether you have truly heard and understood their situation first.

Day 4: The Snares of the Wicked and the Anchor of the Righteous

Reading: Job 18:5-16

Devotional: Bildad's portrait of the wicked is vivid and sobering. A life apart from God is one of mounting fear, diminishing strength, and a relentless drift toward destruction -- often driven by the very wisdom the wicked trust most. Job 18:7 describes how the schemes of the wicked ultimately become their own undoing. The tragic irony is that the wicked apply human solutions to what is fundamentally a spiritual problem. Psalm 1:1-3 offers the contrast: the one who is rooted in God's Word is like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season. The righteous are not without struggle, but they are not without an anchor.

In what areas of your life are you tempted to apply human wisdom to a problem that requires spiritual surrender? Identify one situation where you have been striving in your own strength. Bring it to God in prayer today and ask for His direction rather than relying solely on your own reasoning.

Day 5: Faithfulness Is Not the Absence of Struggle

Reading: Ro 8:35-39

Devotional: Job lost his wealth, his children, his health, and his standing. He endured the misunderstanding of his closest friends and the silence of a God he could not fully comprehend. And yet, he kept coming back. He questioned God, wrestled with God, and cried out to God -- but he never finally walked away from God. Romans 8:37 declares that in all these things -- not around them, not after them, but in them -- we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Job's faith was battered, but it was not broken. That is the testimony God is building in every believer who refuses to let go: not a faith that never struggles, but a faith that, even in the struggle, keeps turning back to Him.

Looking back at a season of suffering in your own life, where can you now see evidence that God was present even when He felt absent? Share with one trusted person this week -- a friend, a small group, or a mentor -- one way God has sustained your faith through difficulty. Let your testimony become an encouragement to someone else who may be in the middle of their own struggle.

Small Group Study Guide

Job 17-18

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Opening Prayer: Pray that the Lord would open your eyes to see and understand His word as you discuss the sermon.

Key Takeaways: Query the group for takeaways first...you may stay with one or more of those.

1. True statements can still be wrongly applied. Bildad says much that is accurate about the life of the wicked, but he wrongly places Job in that category. Knowing truth is not the same as discerning how and when to speak it.
2. Worldly philosophy deadens spiritual perception. Bildad and the friends were listening to Job but not truly hearing him. Their worldview had closed off their ability to consider whether Job's words contained truth.\
3. The wicked are drawn toward destruction, not away from it. Bildad's description in verses 8-16 paints a picture of a person who does not merely stumble into sin's traps but actively throws himself into bondage, applying human wisdom to what is ultimately a spiritual problem.
4. Fear, isolation, and being forgotten mark the destiny of the wicked. Bildad's closing words are his harshest: that Job does not know God. This is the biggest accusation of all, and it is wrong.
5. Job's faith, though battered, was not broken. Through loss, accusation, confusion, and pain, Job kept turning back to God. That persistent return, even through struggle, is itself a portrait of genuine faith.

Discussion Questions: Did the Holy Spirit prompt any questions with you? Start with those.

1. Think about a time when someone spoke true words to you at the wrong moment or in the wrong way. How did that land? What did it reveal about the difference between knowing truth and knowing how to deliver it?
2. What does it mean for a worldview to "deaden" someone's spiritual eyes and ears? Can you think of examples of that happening in everyday life or even in the church?

3. Bildad describes the life of the wicked as marked by hopelessness, fear, declining strength, and ultimately destruction. In what ways does this description reflect what we see in the world around us? Where does it ring true?
4. The sermon notes that the wicked man does not avoid sin's traps but throws himself into bondage, and then applies human wisdom to what is a spiritual problem. Why do you think people tend to reach for human solutions when the root issue is spiritual?
5. Bildad turned several of Job's own words around and used them against him. What does this tell us about the danger of listening to someone primarily to build a case against them rather than to understand them?
6. Bildad's final and greatest accusation is that Job does not know God. Why is that particular accusation so devastating? What does it reveal about how Bildad understood the relationship between suffering and spiritual standing?
7. The sermon describes Job as a man who questioned God, wrestled with God, and cried out to God, yet kept coming back to God. How does that picture challenge or expand your understanding of what faithfulness looks like in a season of suffering?
8. Romans 8:37 reminds us that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. How does that truth speak into Job's situation? How does it speak into your own?
9. The sermon closes with this observation: "Faithfulness doesn't mean we never struggle with God; sometimes it means that, even in our struggle, we keep turning back to Him." Do you find that comforting, convicting, or both? Why?

Practical Applications: Query the group for applications first...you may explore one or more of those.

1. For Personal Reflection This Week: Take an honest inventory of a current struggle or season of difficulty in your life. Are you applying human wisdom to what may be a spiritual problem? What would it look like to bring that specific thing back to God rather than working around it?
2. For How You Engage Others: Think of someone in your life who is suffering. Before your next conversation with that person, ask yourself: Am I listening to understand, or am I listening to respond? Commit to one conversation this week where you prioritize hearing over advising.

3. For Your Prayer Life: Job kept returning to God even in his anguish. Identify one area where you have been pulling back from God because of pain, confusion, or unanswered questions. Bring that area to God this week, not with a polished prayer, but with honesty.
4. For the Group: Consider sharing one thing with the group that you have been wrestling with spiritually. Practice being the kind of community that hears one another rather than rushing to fix one another.

Closing Prayer Points:

- Wisdom to speak truth with discernment and compassion
- Eyes and ears that are not deadened by worldly philosophy
- Faith that persists through struggle and keeps returning to God
- Awareness of those around you who need a friend who truly hears them

Discussion Questions
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1. Job continued to pray and wrestle with God even when his spirit was broken and he felt he had nothing left — what does this reveal about the nature of genuine faith, and how does it challenge our understanding of what faithfulness actually looks like in suffering?
2. Bildad listened to Job's words but was not truly hearing him — in what ways can our own theological assumptions or worldly philosophies prevent us from genuinely hearing and discerning truth in the words of others?
3. Bildad's worldview had, as the sermon puts it, deadened his spiritual eyes and ears — what worldly philosophies or cultural assumptions might be deadening our own spiritual perception today without our awareness?
4. The sermon notes that the wicked man does not avoid or resist the snares of the enemy but throws himself into bondage — in what areas of life are believers most vulnerable to willingly walking toward spiritual traps rather than fleeing from them?
5. Bildad's ultimate accusation was that Job does not know God — how should we respond when our suffering or circumstances lead others, or even ourselves, to question the reality or depth of our relationship with God?
6. The sermon draws a distinction between questioning God and walking away from God, suggesting that Job's persistent return to God in the midst of anguish is itself a form of faithfulness — do you agree with that distinction, and why or why not?
7. Job endured the loss of wealth, children, health, and standing, and then faced relentless accusation from his closest friends — which of these layers of suffering do you think would be most spiritually and emotionally devastating, and what does that reveal about your own spiritual priorities?
8. The sermon closes with the reminder that faithfulness does not mean we never struggle with God, but that even in our struggle we keep turning back to Him — how does this reframe the way we view seasons of doubt, confusion, or spiritual wrestling in our own lives or in the lives of those we are walking alongside?

Dinner Conversation Starters

Job 17-18

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1. When Faith Feels Hard

Job was deeply hurting, confused, and discouraged, yet he kept turning back to God. Question: When life feels hard, what helps you keep praying or trusting God?

2. Listening vs. Truly Hearing

Bildad listened to Job's words but did not truly understand his pain. Question: What is the difference between hearing someone talk and really listening to them?

3. Helping Without Hurting

Job's friends meant to comfort him, but their words made his suffering worse. Question: What are some helpful things we can say to someone who is sad or struggling?

4. God Knows the Whole Story

Bildad assumed Job's suffering meant Job had done something wrong, but God knew the truth. Question: Why should we be careful about judging people when we do not know the whole story?

5. Hope That Holds On

Job's faith was battered, but it was not broken. He questioned God, but he did not walk away from Him. Question: What is one truth about God that gives you hope when things are difficult?

Family Conversation Guide for Children & Early Teens

Job 17-18

Confrontation and Worldly Philosophy - Part 2

AGES 5-7: SIMPLIFYING THE MESSAGE APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Be a Comforting Friend, Not a Hurtful Friend**: Job's friends came to comfort him, but their words ended up hurting him. Teach children that when someone is sad, they do not always need advice right away. Sometimes they need kindness, patience, and a gentle presence.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What could you say to a friend who is sad?
 - b. Is it helpful to say, "It's your fault," when someone is hurting? Why not?
 - c. How can we show love like Jesus when someone feels left out or upset?
2. **Don't Guess Why Someone Is Hurting**: Bildad wrongly assumed Job was suffering because he had done something bad. Help young children understand that we do not always know the whole story. Instead of judging, we can be kind and ask caring questions.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Have you ever thought something about someone but later found out you were wrong?
 - b. Why should we be careful before saying someone "deserved" something bad?
 - c. What is a kind question we could ask someone who seems sad?
3. **Keep Talking to God When You Feel Sad**: Job was confused and hurting, but he kept turning back to God. Encourage children to pray honestly. They can tell God when they are sad, confused, angry, or afraid.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What are some things you can tell God when you feel sad?
- b. Do you think God wants us to talk to Him only when we are happy? Why or why not?
- c. What is one short prayer you can pray when you feel upset?

AGES 8-12: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Listen Before You Speak**: Bildad heard Job's words but did not truly understand Job's heart. Teach kids to slow down before responding. Good friends ask questions, listen carefully, and avoid jumping to conclusions.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is the difference between hearing someone and really listening to them?
 - b. When a friend is upset, what are some unhelpful things people might say?
 - c. How can you tell if your words are helping someone or making things worse?
2. **Don't Use Truth as a Weapon**: Bildad said some true things about wickedness, but he misapplied them to Job. Help children understand that truth should be spoken with love, humility, and care. Being right does not give us permission to be cruel.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Can something true still be said in a hurtful way?
 - b. Why does our tone matter when we correct someone?
 - c. How did Jesus speak truth with both honesty and compassion?
3. **Be Careful with Group Opinions**: Job's friends were influenced by a faulty worldview and assumed they understood what God was doing. Encourage kids not to follow the crowd when the crowd is being unkind or unfair. God calls us to see people with compassion.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Have you ever seen a group treat someone unfairly? What happened?
- b. Why is it hard to speak up when everyone else is making fun of someone?
- c. What could you do if your friends are excluding someone?

AGES 11-15: DEEPENING THE CONNECTION APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Don't Confuse Confidence with Godly Wisdom**: Bildad was confident, but he was wrong about Job. His worldview blinded him. Help teens evaluate ideas biblically. Just because someone sounds confident, popular, funny, or intelligent does not mean they are wise.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Where do teens your age often get their views about life, identity, suffering, or success?
 - b. How can someone sound wise but actually be leading people away from God?
 - c. What is the difference between worldly wisdom and biblical wisdom?
2. **Practice Compassion Before Correction**: Job's friends focused on correcting him but failed to care for him. Teens should learn that correction may sometimes be needed, but compassion usually needs to come first. People in pain need presence, prayer, and patience.

Discussion Questions:

Why do people sometimes give quick advice instead of truly caring?
What are signs that someone needs comfort more than correction?
How can you be honest with a friend without becoming harsh or judgmental?

3. Keep Turning to God in Doubt and Pain: Job questioned God and wrestled deeply, but he did not walk away from Him. Encourage teens to bring their hard questions to God rather than hiding them or abandoning faith. Struggling is not the same as rejecting God.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What kinds of situations make people your age question God?
- b. Why do some people think having questions means they have weak faith?
- c. What would it look like to keep turning toward God even when you do not understand what He is doing?

Tips for Parents

- Be patient and listen: Give your child time to think and respond.
- Relate to everyday life: Use real-life examples and stories familiar to your child to make abstract concepts more tangible.
- Encourage questions: Let your son or daughter know it's okay to ask questions, even if things don't make sense right away.
- Share personal insights: Tell a personal story about a time you experienced these themes, adapting as needed for age appropriateness.

Family Conversation Guide for Gen Z

Job 17-18

Confrontation and Worldly Philosophy - Part 2

1. Listen to Understand Before You Respond

Bible Reference:

- a. James 1:19 — “Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”
- b. Proverbs 18:13 — “If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”
- c. Job 18:1–4

Application: Bildad heard Job’s words, but he did not truly hear Job’s heart. Gen Z lives in a world of fast replies, hot takes, reaction videos, and instant opinions. God calls His people to slow down, listen carefully, and respond with humility.

Scenario: A friend posts something emotional online or shares in a group chat that they are struggling. People immediately start giving advice, correcting them, joking about it, or assuming they know the full story.

Discussion: When someone is hurting, do you tend to listen, fix, judge, avoid, or react? What would it look like to be “quick to hear” in that situation?

2. Do Not Use Truth as a Weapon

Bible References:

- a. Ephesians 4:15 — “Speaking the truth in love...”
- b. Proverbs 12:18 — “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
- c. Job 18:5–21

Application: Bildad said many true things about the wicked, but he misapplied them to Job. Truth without love can become a weapon. Christians must not use Bible verses, theology, or moral correction to crush people who are already suffering.

Scenario: Someone admits they are struggling with anxiety, doubt, sexual sin, family issues, or depression. Instead of compassion, they receive harsh correction, oversimplified advice, or comments like, “You just need more faith.”

Discussion: How can you tell the difference between speaking truth in love and using truth to win an argument or shame someone?

3. Be Careful About Judging Someone's Life From the Outside

Bible References:

- a. John 7:24 — “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”
- b. 1 Samuel 16:7 — “Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”
- c. Job 1:8; Job 18:21

Application: Bildad assumed Job's suffering proved Job did not know God. But God had already called Job righteous. We must be careful not to assume someone's pain, failure, poverty, sickness, loneliness, or emotional struggle means God is against them.

Scenario: A student is isolated, going through family problems, or making poor social decisions. Others label them as “toxic,” “weird,” “attention-seeking,” or “fake Christian” without knowing what is really happening.

Discussion: Have you ever misjudged someone based on what you saw from the outside? What would “right judgment” look like instead?

4. Keep Turning to God When You Have Questions

Bible References:

- a. Psalm 62:8 — “Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.”
- b. Romans 8:37 — “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”
- c. Job 17:1; Job 17:11; Job 17:15

Application: Job was broken, confused, and deeply discouraged, but he kept bringing his pain to God. Faith does not mean pretending everything is fine. Faith means continuing to turn toward God even when you do not understand Him.

Scenario: You pray, but nothing seems to change. You feel disappointed with God because of rejection, grief, unanswered prayer, mental health struggles, or uncertainty about the future.

Discussion: What is the difference between honestly wrestling with God and walking away from Him?

These points aim to empower Gen Z to live out their faith genuinely and courageously in various aspects of their daily lives, reflecting Biblical integrity, compassion, and steadfastness.