

Subject: Making Sense When it Makes NO Sense: Job 2:11-3:26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this message finds you walking closely with the Lord, even amid life's uncertainties. This week, we journeyed through one of Scripture's most profound explorations of human suffering as we examined the end of Job chapter 2 down through his speech in chapter 3. The raw honesty of Job's struggle reminds us that faith and pain often coexist in the believer's life. For those interested in using the extensive discipleship materials associated with this teaching, please click [[HERE](#)].

Summary: The sermon explored how Job and his friends initially held to faulty theology—believing that prosperity indicated God's favor and suffering indicated His judgment. Despite losing everything, Job never questioned God's sovereignty or goodness, though he desperately sought to understand the purpose behind his suffering. We witnessed both the beautiful beginning of friendship (Job's friends sitting in silence, sharing his grief) and the agonizing reality that even great faith does not make us immune to depression and despair. The implications for our spiritual life are profound: our hope must rest not in our circumstances, our understanding, or our strength, but in God Himself. When we cannot make sense of our trials, we must not forsake the One we do know for all that we don't and can't know.

Takeaways:

1. True ministry to those who suffer begins with presence, not answers. Job's friends started well by simply being with him in silence, sharing his grief without trying to fix or correct him immediately.
2. Our purpose, meaning, and value are found in God alone—not in our wealth during prosperous times, nor defined by our poverty and pain during difficult seasons.
3. God uses all things, including the hardest circumstances of life, to refine our faith and make us more like Christ. Biblical hope rests in who God is, not in our ability to understand His purposes.

As we continue through Job's story in the coming weeks, may we grow in our trust that God is faithful even when life feels hopeless and we are feeling helpless. Let us remember that running the race well requires not a perfect start, but persevering faith that finishes strong.

Press on in faith, living for His glory in every season.

Pastor Jim

Job 2:11-3:26, Making Sense When it Makes NO Sense 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.

For more discussion questions helping your faith to grow, please download the sermon documents typically posted the day after each sermon on the watch tab of our App or website.

1. Come up with 2-3 ways you can effectively address the wrong theology expressed by Job and his friends to today's Christians holding similar works-based views?
2. What are some highly effective ways of ministering to those struggling with dark and difficult circumstances?
3. How can we be faithful in seeing our circumstances through the lens of God rather than seeing God through the lens of our circumstances?
4. Bonus Prompt: Make a list of reason as to why illness and sickness can come upon us.

Job 2:11-3:26

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I. Introduction: Wrong Theology Matters

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V. Job 3:11-19: Life Can be Agonizing

Additional Scripture References: Job 38:2, 38:17; 2 Cor 5:6-8

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VII. Job 3:24-26: Great Faith Does NOT Make One Immune from Depression and Despair

Additional Scripture References: Ro 8:28-29, He 12:10-11, and 2 Cor 4:16-18

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VIII. Introduction: Wrong Theology Matters

1. Job and his friends erroneously subscribed to a theology that God's judgement is found in the here-and-now. *This translates into those with the greatest riches (family, assets, and wealth) experiencing God's favor correlating with their righteousness.* Conversely, they believed that Job's loss of family, assets, and wealth was God judging Job's unrighteousness.

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IX. Job 2:11-13: The Three Amigo's

1. Simply put, what a great start! Job's friends joined together in purposing to minister to their friend. *There are many lessons for us in their initial response to Job's duress.*
2. They set aside their own families, business interests, any health matters, and other priorities. *Their purpose was not to correct nor fix Job.* As we read in v12, they did not come to highlight their continuing success and, in fact, the friends were devastated by what had happened to Job. *Instead, they came to share in his grief and difficult life circumstances* – they came to just be with their friend in all of his hurt and loss.
3. Some have suggested their actions (e.g., the seven days of silence in mourning for the dead and not speaking until Job spoke) were cultural norms). *While perhaps true...first, let's be reminded that Job was not dead AND second, let's be careful to not rob the Godly grace and compassion being poured out through these men.*
4. As we travel through this book, we will find that a great start is insufficient...*indeed running a Godly race does NOT require a great start, but a growing faith along the journey that the overall*

race is run well with the child of God also finishing the race well.
(He 12:1-2; 1 Cor 9:24-27)

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X. Job 3: Outline

1. To this point we know Job's righteous standing with God, his seemingly strong family and worldly wealth, and how he came to be in his current circumstances of despair and loss.
2. Here in chapter 3, despite the enemies best efforts and knowing that Job has been faithful to God through all of his hardships, we get the first long look at how he is (much of it wrongly) processing all that has happened in his life. [A brief outline of chapter 3 helps us to better see Job's heart:](#)
 - A. **Job 3:1-10**. We read of Job's intolerable life.
 - B. **Job 3:11-19**. While not in any way suggesting that Job was considering taking his own life, we read that death was his desire. [The pain and suffering of his intolerable life had overwhelmed him.](#)
 - C. **Job 3:20-23**. Job cries out to God to help him make sense of why these calamities have come upon himself.
 - D. **Job 3:24-26**. The reality of Job's brokenness and inability to change his own circumstances is front-and-center.

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We will use the balance of our time today, to touch upon several elements within this outline.

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XI. Job 3:1-10: An Intolerable Life

1. For Job in that moment, it was better to have never been than to live through this. [As this story unfolds, Job will eventually cry out for justice, but what is clear here is that more than justice, he wanted the pain and suffering to end.](#)

2. Perhaps some hearing this today are able to relate to this in a very personal way?! Perhaps you know someone that is crying out to know their meaning and purpose in life...to know that they have real value...to have the pain and suffering make some kind of sense?! I encourage you to stay with us as we discover more of God's truths helping us to live as overcomers of life's all-to-real challenges.

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XII. Job 3:11-19: Life Can be Agonizing

1. These verses reveal how little Job understood about the afterlife – something God will later confirm in **Job 38:2 and 38:17**.
2. For the believer, which Job certainly was, the afterlife is not a place of rest. As we read in **2 Corinthians 5:6-8**, to be absent from the body is to be with Christ with the bible going on to describe that our eternal lives will be filled with worship, joyful relationships, and service in a real, beautiful place marked also by our rest as we enjoy God's reward.
3. For the unbeliever, Scripture is clear that they will not have rest, but be experiencing everlasting punishment (Mk 9:43-38; Jude 13; Rev 14:11). This punishment will include conscious regret and sorrow (Mt 13:41-42). What's more, the only voice they will hear is that of oppression as they are eternally separated from the righteous and holy God, the very source of life (1 Cor 6:9-10).

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XIII. Job 3:20-23: Why God, Why?

1. Never once did Job question God's sovereignty, holiness, or goodness. He questioned the purposes his tribulations could possibly have...maybe he even wondered where God was that he, a man who loved God, would suffer so. Throughout this book, Job never weeps for himself, but with God at the center of his life, instead tries to make sense of 'why'. Why would he, a man that loves and follows God be subject to such agony in this life?!

2. We have previously identified some of the many 'why's' while also noting they are often of little solace when we are in the midst of great trauma and trials. [In the end, we must answer the same question that all people must answer, that Job answered... 'who do I say God is'?](#)

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XIV. [Job 3:24-26](#): Great Faith Does NOT Make One Immune from Depression and Despair

1. Hammer blow after hammer blow...agony, fear, dread, ill-at-ease, confusion and chaos, toiling in uncertainty...all because of his life circumstances, including especially his sense of being abandoned or punished by God. [//It seems that Job understood suffering could NOT be the purpose, but he could not grasp that purpose can be found in and through his suffering.](#) No more was his purpose, meaning, and value wrapped up in his riches than it was in his poverty and pain.
2. Our depression, despair, fears, anxieties, and so much more find fertile ground on hearts whose hope is in OUR strength, wisdom, and capabilities. [The story of Job reminds us that Biblical hope rests not in us, but in God Himself...for it is only in Him that we have enduring victory.](#)

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This brings a form of an oft-repeated truth to mind: [do NOT forsake the One you do know \(Jesus\), for all that you don't and can't know OR control.](#)

3. So, whether in a season of mountaintops or one of great hardships, we are to patiently press in trusting Him and living for His glory (1 Cor 10:31; Ro 11:36). [What's more, as great passages such as **Romans 8:28-29**, **Hebrews 12:10-11**, and **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** relay, be encouraged that God uses all things, including the hard things of this life to refine our faith in making us ever-more like Him.](#)

[Prayer]

5-Day Devotional

Job 2:11-3:26

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Day 1: The Ministry of Presence

Reading: Job 2:11-13; Ro 12:15

Devotional: Job's friends began their ministry perfectly—they simply showed up. They sat in silence for seven days, sharing in their friend's grief without attempting to fix or correct him. True ministry often requires nothing more than our presence. In our rush to provide answers or solutions, we forget that suffering people need companions, not counselors.

God Himself demonstrates this through the incarnation—Emmanuel, God with us. When someone you know is hurting, resist the urge to speak immediately. Sometimes the most powerful sermon is a silent embrace, a shared tear, or simply being present in the pain. Your faithful presence reflects God's unfailing presence with His children. Who in your life needs your presence more than your words today?

Day 2: When Life Becomes Intolerable

Reading: Job 3:1-10; Psalm 42:1-11

Devotional: Job's raw honesty shocks us. He wished he had never been born. Yet God included these words in Scripture, validating that authentic faith doesn't require pretending everything is fine. The Psalmist similarly cried, "Why are you cast down, O my soul?" Depression and despair can coexist with genuine faith. What matters is where we ultimately direct our pain. Job questioned his circumstances but never God's character.

When life becomes intolerable, bring your honest anguish to God. He can handle your questions, your tears, and your confusion. Biblical faith isn't the absence of struggle; it's choosing to struggle toward God rather than away from Him. Your darkest moments don't disqualify you from God's love. What honest emotions have you been afraid to bring before God?

Day 3: The Hope Beyond This Life

Reading: Job 3:11-19; 2 Cor 5:1-10

Devotional: Job longed for rest, yet his understanding of the afterlife was incomplete. As New Testament believers, we possess a clearer vision: to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This hope transforms our suffering. Our present troubles are temporary, but our eternal glory is everlasting.

The Christian's future isn't merely rest—it's vibrant worship, joyful relationships, and meaningful service in God's glorious presence. This eternal perspective doesn't minimize present pain, but it provides context. Your current chapter, however difficult, is

not your final chapter. The story ends with resurrection, restoration, and reunion with your Savior. Let this hope anchor your soul when storms rage. How does the promise of eternity with Christ change how you view your current struggles?

Day 4: The Sacred Question- Why?

Reading: Job 3:20-26; Ro 8:28-39

Devotional: Job never questioned God's sovereignty or goodness, yet he desperately asked, "Why?" This is a sacred question, not a sinful one. Job sought purpose in his pain, struggling to reconcile his love for God with his overwhelming suffering. Here's the transformative truth: while suffering may not have a purpose we can understand, God works purpose through our suffering.

He refines our faith, deepens our dependence, and conforms us to Christ's image. The "why" may remain mysterious, but the "who" is certain—a sovereign, loving Father who wastes nothing. Don't forsake the God you do know for all you cannot know or control. Trust that His purposes, though hidden, are always good. What would change if you focused on who God is rather than why He allows certain circumstances?

Day 5: Hope Anchored in God Alone

Reading: Job 42:1-6; Heb 6:13-20

Devotional: Job's journey ended not with answers to all his questions, but with a deeper revelation of God Himself. His wealth, family, and health were never his true foundation—God was. This is suffering's great gift: it strips away false securities and reveals what truly anchors our souls. Biblical hope doesn't rest in our strength, circumstances, or understanding. It rests in God's unchanging character.

Whether on mountaintops or in valleys, our purpose remains constant: to know Him and live for His glory. God uses every season, especially the difficult ones, to make us more like Christ. Your value isn't determined by your circumstances but by whose you are. Let this truth steady you through every storm. What false securities is God inviting you to release so you can anchor your hope fully in Him?

Small Group Study Guide

Job 2:11-3:26

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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. Wrong theology matters - Job and his friends believed God's judgment happens in the here-and-now through material blessings or losses.
2. The importance of presence - Job's friends initially modeled excellent ministry by simply being present without trying to fix or correct.
3. Faith doesn't make us immune - Even great faith doesn't protect us from depression, despair, or questioning.
4. Hope must rest in God alone - Not in our circumstances, strength, or understanding.
5. God uses suffering - Hard seasons refine our faith and make us more like Christ.

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

1. What impresses you most about how Job's three friends initially responded to his crisis? What did they sacrifice to be there?
2. Why is silence sometimes more powerful than words when someone is suffering?
3. When have you felt the temptation to "fix" someone's problems rather than simply being present with them? What makes presence so difficult?
4. Practical Question: Who in your life right now might need you to simply show up and sit with them?
5. Job wished he had never been born. How does this level of honesty challenge or comfort you regarding what we can express to God?

6. The sermon noted that Job wanted the pain to end more than he wanted justice. What does this reveal about the depth of human suffering?
7. How can we create spaces in our church and small groups where people feel safe expressing this level of despair without judgment?
8. How does a biblical understanding of the afterlife (eternal life with Christ vs. eternal separation) change how we view suffering in this present life?
9. What comfort does the promise of heaven offer when facing trials that seem unbearable?
10. Job never questioned God's sovereignty, holiness, or goodness—only the purpose of his suffering. Why is this distinction important?
11. The sermon states: "Job understood suffering could NOT be the purpose, but he could not grasp that purpose can be found in and through his suffering." What is the difference between these two perspectives?
12. Share a time when you struggled with the "why" questions. Looking back, did God reveal any purpose in that season?
13. How does it help to know that great faith doesn't make someone immune from depression and despair?
14. The sermon warns: "Do NOT forsake the One you do know (Jesus), for all that you don't and can't know OR control." How can we practically apply this truth when we're overwhelmed?
15. How have you seen God use hard circumstances to refine your faith or make you more like Christ?

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

1. **Be Present:** Identify someone going through difficulty and commit to being present with them this week—through a visit, call, or sitting together without trying to "fix" them.
2. **Honest Prayer:** Spend time in brutally honest prayer with God about your struggles, fears, or "why" questions, knowing He can handle your honesty.
3. **Journal:** Write about where you see God refining your faith through current or past difficulties.

4. Reach Out: If you're struggling with depression or despair, reach out to a trusted friend, small group member, or counselor this week. Great faith doesn't mean suffering alone.

Closing Prayer Points:

- Pray for group members who are currently in seasons of suffering or confusion
- Ask God to help the group be better at the ministry of presence
- Pray for faith to trust God with the "whys" we cannot understand
- Thank God that He uses all things, including hard things, for our good and His glory

Discussion Questions
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1. How does Job's initial theology about prosperity equaling righteousness and suffering equaling God's judgment mirror beliefs that persist in modern Christian culture today?
2. What practical lessons can we draw from Job's friends' initial response of sitting in silence for seven days before speaking, and how might this apply to ministering to those experiencing deep grief or loss?
3. In what ways do our own life circumstances tempt us to question God's presence or purpose, similar to Job's cry of 'Why God, why?'
4. How does understanding the biblical view of the afterlife for believers versus unbelievers change our perspective on suffering in this present life?
5. What does it reveal about Job's character that he never questioned God's sovereignty, holiness, or goodness, even while questioning the purpose of his suffering?
6. How can believers distinguish between running from hardship and patiently pressing into God during seasons of suffering, as the sermon encourages?
7. In what ways do we wrongly wrap our purpose, meaning, and value in our circumstances rather than in God Himself, as Job initially struggled with?
8. How does the truth that God uses hard things to refine our faith and make us more like Him practically change how we respond to trials?
9. What does it mean that great faith does not make one immune from depression and despair, and how should this shape how we view and support struggling believers?
10. How can we avoid forsaking the One we do know, Jesus, for all that we cannot know or control when life makes no sense?

Dinner Conversation Starters

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1. When Life Makes No Sense

Job felt like it would have been better never to be born than to live through his suffering. Have you ever had a season that felt completely confusing or pointless? Looking back, can you see anything God might have been doing in or through that time?

2. Being a Friend Who Just “Shows Up”

Job’s friends started well—they sat with him, grieved, and stayed silent with him. When have you felt most cared for by someone in a hard time? What did they do (or not do)? How can we be better at simply “being there” for each other instead of trying to fix everything?

3. What Do We Really Believe About God?

Job never doubted God’s sovereignty or goodness, but he struggled to understand why he was suffering. When things go wrong, what do you actually tend to believe about God in that moment? How might our view of God need to change so we can trust Him even when life hurts?

4. Pain Purpose and Hope

Job couldn’t see any purpose in his suffering, yet Scripture says God uses “all things” for our good and His glory. Do you think pain can ever have a purpose? Why or why not? Can you think of a difficult experience that later shaped your character, faith, or compassion?

5. Depression, Despair, and Faith

Job shows that great faith does not make us immune to deep sadness or depression. Why do you think we sometimes assume strong Christians “shouldn’t” struggle emotionally? How can our family become a safer place to admit when we’re anxious, afraid, or feeling low—and to point each other back to hope in God?

Family Conversation Guide for Children & Early Teens

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AGES 5-7: SIMPLIFYING THE MESSAGE APPLICATION POINTS

1. **God Is Still Good When Life Feels Bad**: When something sad or confusing happens (a friend is mean, a toy breaks, a plan is canceled), we can still say, “God loves me and is with me,” even if we don’t understand why it happened.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) How would that make you feel?
 - (b) Even when you feel left out, what is still true about God?
 - (c) What is one thing you could pray and one kind thing you could still do in that situation?
2. **Be a Friend Who “Shows Up”**: When someone is sad or hurt, you don’t always need to fix it or tell them what to do. Sometimes the best thing is to sit with them, listen, or give a gentle hug (if they want it).

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What could you say that would be kind?
 - (b) What could you do to stay with them and help them feel less alone?
 - (c) Is there anything you should not say—like “It’s no big deal”—even if you mean well?
3. **Talking to God When We’re Confused**: Like Job, it’s okay to tell God when we’re sad, scared, or confused. We don’t have to pretend to be happy.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) When you feel scared or confused, who can you talk to?
- (b) What could you say to God in a short prayer when you feel that way?
- (c) Would you like us to make a “help prayer” together (for example: “Jesus, help me. I’m scared, but I know You love me”)?

AGES 8-12: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION POINTS

1. **When Friends Judge or Blame**: Job’s friends wrongly assumed he had done something bad because he was suffering. In our social groups—especially at school, on group texts, or gaming chats—we should be careful not to judge others’ situations too quickly.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) How do kids your age usually respond when they don't know the full story about someone?
- (b) What's a more Job-like response—how could you show compassion without assuming you know what's going on?
- (c) If others in a group chat are making fun or blaming that person, what could you say—or not say—to honor God?

2. **Online Spaces and Hurt Feelings**: Hurt and confusion don't just happen in person—they happen in texts, games, and online chats. We can be “friends who show up” even digitally, and we don't have to understand everything to be kind.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What are some unhelpful responses people might send?
- (b) What is one simple, kind message you could send that shows you care, even if you don't have answers?
- (c) When should you tell a trusted adult about something you see online, instead of trying to handle it alone?

3. **Trusting God When Life Doesn't Make Sense**: Job didn't understand why he was suffering, but he didn't give up on God's goodness. Kids this age often see unfair treatment, friendship drama, or family stress that “doesn't make sense.”

Discussion Questions:

- (a) How does it feel when something unfair happens and you can't fix it?
- (b) What are some wrong ideas about God that might pop into your head in that moment (for example, “God doesn't care,” “God likes them better”)?
- (c) What is a truth about God you can choose to hold on to, even when the situation feels unfair?
- (d) What's one practical way you can respond that shows your hope is in God, not in people's approval?

AGES 11-15: DEEPENING THE CONNECTION APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Real Faith and Real Emotions**: Job had deep faith and deep despair. Strong Christians still struggle with sadness, anxiety, or feeling overwhelmed. In friendships and online spaces, you'll meet people who appear “fine” but are not.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) How do people your age usually react to posts like that—scroll past, joke, worry silently?
- (b) What would a compassionate, God-honoring response look like—both online and privately?
- (c) How can you be honest with God and with safe people when you feel like Job—overwhelmed, tired, or hopeless?

What are some signs that you or a friend might need adult or professional help, not just peer support?

2. **Not Equating “Success” with God’s Favor**: Job’s friends thought wealth and comfort meant God’s favor, and suffering meant sin. In teen culture, “success” often looks like popularity, followers, likes, looks, or achievements.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) When you compare yourself to others’ highlight reels online, what do you start to believe about your own value?
 - (b) How is that similar to the wrong theology of Job’s friends?
 - (c) What does God say actually matters in a person (character, faith, obedience)?
 - (d) How might remembering Job’s story change the way you see both your “wins” and your “losses”?
3. Responding to Suffering in Your Social Circle: Job’s friends started well by sitting with him but later hurt him by assuming, accusing, and “fixing.” When friends in your group go through breakups, family chaos, bullying, or public embarrassment online, how you respond matters.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) Are you more tempted to join in, stay silent, or defend the person? Why?
- (b) What would it look like to “sit with” that friend rather than preach at them or grill them for details?
- (c) How can you reflect God’s heart—compassionate, slow to judge—when you don’t know the full story?
- (d) Where is the line between supporting a hurting friend and getting pulled into unhealthy drama or sin? How can you set boundaries while still being kind?

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
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1. Don't Assume Suffering = God's Punishment

Bible Reference: John 9:1–3; Job 2–3

Application: Reject the mindset that if someone is struggling (mentally, socially, financially, spiritually), it must be because God is “against” them or they’ve secretly done something horrible. Like Job, people can suffer while still being loved and approved by God.

Scenario: In your friend group, someone disappears from youth group and socials for a while. Rumors start: “They messed up big time” or “God’s really teaching them a lesson.”

Discussion: When you see someone “go through it,” are you quicker to assume judgment or to offer compassion and prayer? How could you respond differently next time to reflect Jesus’ words in John 9:3?

2. Be a “Sit-With” Friend, Not a “Fix-You” Friend

Bible Reference: Job 2:11–13; Romans 12:15

Application: Like Job’s friends at the beginning, choose presence over preaching. In real life and online, your role is often to sit, listen, and weep with those who weep—not to explain their pain or give hot takes.

Scenario: A friend sends a late-night text or DM: “I’m just done with everything.” Your group chat starts dropping Bible verses and advice at them rapid-fire, arguing about what they should do.

Discussion: What might it look like to “mourn with those who mourn” (Rom 12:15) in that moment—both online and offline—without trying to be their counselor or judge?

3. Bring Your Raw Feelings to God, Not Just Your Filtered Ones

Bible Reference: Job 3; Psalm 62:8; 1 Peter 5:7

Application: Job poured out his confusion and despair honestly before God. You don’t have to sanitize your prayers to match your Instagram persona. God invites your unfiltered, honest heart.

Scenario: You post positive, “God’s got this” content, but privately you’re anxious, depressed, or doubting. You feel guilty for not being “stronger” spiritually.

Discussion: What would it look like, practically, to be as honest with God in prayer as you are with your closest friend in DMs? What might change in your relationship with Him if you did?

4. God’s Goodness Is Not Measured by Your Metrics

Bible Reference: Job 1:8–12; Luke 12:15; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

Application: Job’s friends equated blessing with wealth and comfort. Gen Z often equates it with aesthetics, followers, mental “vibes,” and opportunities. God’s goodness is not proven (or disproven) by how “successful” your life looks right now.

Scenario: You see a friend’s life on TikTok/IG: perfect skin, perfect relationship, brand deals, constant trips. You’re fighting with your parents, broke, and anxious. You start thinking, “God must like them more than me.”

Discussion: When your life doesn’t look like someone else’s highlight reel, what truths from 2 Corinthians 4:16–18 can help you interpret your story differently than just “I’m losing”?

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.