

Subject: Sermon Recap – Job's Unshakeable Trust: Trusting God in the Storm

Brother and Sisters,

Job 12-13 are truly remarkable chapters with many relevant lessons for us. For a copy of the teaching notes and a number of discipleship materials, please go [\[HERE\]](#).

Summary: The sermon explored Job's bold and faith-filled response to his friends' false accusations, his majestic testimony of God's sovereign power, and his unwavering determination to seek God even in the depths of suffering. Far from being a passive victim, Job goes on the offense, rebuking his friends for their arrogance, their lazy judgments, and their misrepresentation of God. Through it all, Job models what it looks like to work out one's faith honestly and tenaciously, refusing to abandon God even when God seems distant and circumstances seem impossible. The implications for our spiritual lives are profound: we are challenged to examine our own assumptions about suffering, to hold fast to what we know of God even when much remains unknown, and to remember that the walk of faith was never meant to be traveled alone.

Takeaways:

- (1) Circumstances are not a reliable measure of guilt or innocence before God. Job makes this clear in his rebuttal to his friends, reminding us that a life in disarray does not equal a life under divine punishment, just as outward success does not equal divine approval. We must resist the temptation to judge ourselves or others by appearances alone.
- (2) "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." These words from Job 13:15 stand as one of the most staggering declarations of faith in all of Scripture. Job's trust in God was not contingent on comfort, clarity, or even survival. That same unconditional trust is the standard to which we are each called, no matter what storms we face.
- (3) The walk of faith is not meant to be done alone. Job's isolation throughout his suffering serves as a sobering reminder of our responsibility to one another as the church. With the Holy Spirit as our helper, we are called to walk together through life's hardest seasons, keeping our eyes, minds, and hearts fixed on the person of Jesus Christ.

As you go through your week, consider where you may be tempted to reject what you do know of God because of what you do not know or understand. May Job's example anchor you in trust, honesty before the Lord, and faithful community with one another.

In His Grace, Pastor Jim

Job 12-13, Job's Unshakeable Trust

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. What are the risks of being lazy in our faith individually and as part of the body of Christ?
2. Job's declaration in Job 13:15 - that he will trust God even if God slays him - represents an extraordinary depth of faith under pressure - what do you think it would take for your own faith to reach that level of unconditional trust?
3. Job is described as seeking not to prove God wrong but to harmonize his understanding and circumstances with his faith - how does this distinction challenge or encourage the way you bring your own doubts and questions before God?

Job 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

I. Introduction:

II. Job 12:1-12: The Friends Arrogance has Blinded Them

- Rely on God not on traditions, experiences, emotions, or self.

III. Job 12:13-25: God's Magnificent Wisdom & Power

- In seeing God for who He is, Job is tenacious and faithful in choosing to worship and obey God regardless of the cost.

IV. Job 13:1-12: Job Rebukes His Friends

- Consider if any of Job's rebukes are a mirror into your heart.

V. Job 13:13-19: Job's Sole Hope is God

- Job is looking to harmonize his understanding and circumstances with his faith.
- An earthquake of words...'Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him.'

VI. Job 13:20-28: Job's Humble Appeal to God

- No matter his life circumstances, what Job yearns for most is to be in relationship with God.

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Job 12-13

VII. Introduction:

1. In our study today, we note Job first reframing the dialogue by going on the offense against his friends. During an intermission he offers majestic insights regarding God before returning to hard words for his friends. Finally, he closes with an earthquake of a statement and an appeal for God to return to fellowship with Job.

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VIII. Job 12:1-12: The Friends Arrogance has Blinded Them

1. Job has reached a breaking point of sorts. He is tired of the false accusations and with Zophar's speech still ringing in his ears, Job has determined to bring the battle to them and does so in rapid fire.
 - A. He begins with sarcasm pointing out the foolishness of their mocking him in their accusations that he is getting his due for sinning against God...for according to both God (Job 1:8) and Job himself (here in v4), he is upright/just and blameless.
 - B. Next, in v5 he notes that because things are well in their lives they have been lazy in their assessment and judgment. They have not sought truth, but judged based on appearances and then have pulled out all the stops in pushing their conclusions in wrongly condemning Job.
 - C. Next, in v6 he draws what I think is a remarkable line in the sand given his performance-based faith – because his life is a mess does not make him guilty of sin, just as a sinners success (robbers in this case) does not make them innocent.
2. In v7-12, Job prompts them to open their ears, eyes, and hearts to see the truth of his innocence. Surely they would come to see their

claims of wisdoms were flawed for even God's creation (the animals, birds, earth, and fish) know his innocence. In essence, Job's truth relied upon God while the friends, as we explored in chapter 11, relied upon spiritual experiences, traditions, and self-righteousness in presenting their arguments for Job's guilt.

3. Job has come to the place where he still knows God is sovereign AND that his own circumstances are not an outworking of his sin. Yet, he does NOT understand how this can be, so he continues to work out his faith. There is an oft repeated saying that as we move further through our study today, we will see is very reflective of Job and that is: "do not reject the One you do know for all the things you don't know."
4. One final note...many point out that v9 is the only place in the poetry where the name Yahweh is used for God. For this reason its authenticity has been doubted by many. Yet, I might suggest its rarity of use is perhaps the exclamation point of its importance.¹

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IX. Job 12:13-25: God's Magnificent Wisdom & Power

1. While Job's friends believed in God, their understanding of Him was underwhelming especially in light of Job's words, especially in this passage. With His magnificent wisdom and power, God's sovereignty extends over:
 - A. Understanding;
 - B. Buildings & People (14)
 - C. People physically (v14)
 - D. Weather and related outcomes (v15)
 - E. People's minds (v16) regarding deceivers, and (v17) the wise.
 - F. Man's Governing Authority (v18, 21)
 - G. Man's Spiritual Authority (v19)
 - H. Man's Speech (v20) and again their wisdom (v20)
 - I. Darkness (v22)
 - J. Nations (v23)

¹ Francis I. Andersen, *Job: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 14, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1976), 174–175.

2. In this testimony, Job is not only stating that God is sovereign, but that only God can explain the reasons behind Job's suffering. *So, Job still wants that day of reckoning with God.* For those that have read ahead, you know he is not really thinking through what this reckoning will be like, but he soon will know. *In the meantime, we admire his tenacity and faith even as we see his weaknesses and misunderstandings.*

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X. **Job 13:1-12: Job Rebukes His Friends**

1. With echoes of the opening of chapter 11, Job again challenges his friends with at least 8 different rebukes. *I want to share these as one or more may be a good mirror into our hearts...*
 - A. Their wisdom as being no greater than his with the implication that he will not take their counsel, but will instead seek God. (v-2)
 - B. Their lies about his sin being a source of his great distress (v4)
 - C. Them to be silent, for their silence would be a far greater expression of wisdom than their words were. (v5)
 - D. Them to be active listeners (v6)
 - E. And to be active listeners with God's truth at the center and not their own lies...for they, in misrepresenting God, are being wicked (v7-8)
 - F. Them to consider what will happen to them when God confronts them with their lies as their lies may seduce others, but God will not be so easily fooled (v9)
 - G. With how they will they contend with God? *Will they treat God as they have wrongly treated Job when He confronts them with truth?!* (v8-10); and finally

H. That their words have no substance, they cannot stand the righteous tests of God. (v11-12)

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XI. Job 13:13-19: Job's Sole Hope is God

1. A couple of brief, but important points jumping off the pages before we get to the earthquake that is in the middle of this passage.

A. First, Job is NOT looking to prove God wrong, but to harmonize his understanding and circumstances with his faith.

B. Second, while Job is not desiring to die, we know he would rather die than continue in the challenges he has been going through. **But his fight for life and relationship with God is on display.** Throughout his ongoing full-throated defense, Job has revealed the case he wishes to bring to God in believing that God would find him not guilty if Job could just get an audience with Him. **In this, Job is NOT being arrogant, but knows his love and obedience of the Lord is reality.**

2. Next, in v15a we read an earthquake of truth that must have enraged Satan: **"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."** No matter Satan, friends, circumstances, God's final adjudication of Job's case (if Job can get one), no matter anything or anyone...Job has, does, and will trust God!

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No matter if it costs Job his life, **no matter the abandonment he genuinely feels**, no matter that Job can't make sense of what he has wrongly concluded as God punishing him, **no matter that He cannot see Satan's fingerprints on any of this...**Job has does and will trust God!

A. While many of us identify with Job in that being confronted with hard things can certainly test ones faith. **Yet, while his faith and trust in God is sure AND that his desire to defend himself to God may be misguided, not needed, or appear arrogant, it sure seems normal and even Biblical to examine oneself in light of**

God's word in both being transformed by and even defending oneself to the LORD.

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XII. Job 13:20-28: Job's Humble Appeal to God

1. Despite his strong words and desire to defend himself, Job has doubts. He does not understand why God has punished him so. He does not understand why God has seemingly abandoned him. Because he does not know what has transpired in the heavenlies in allowing him to be sifted by Satan, Job cannot grasp why he, a righteous man, is being so unjustly treated by the very God he worships and follows.
2. Despite Satan's best intentions and efforts, even in his hardships, doubts, and the vast unknown, Job has NOT only NOT blasphemed God, but he yearns to be in relationship with Him. Oh that you and I may be so faithful!
3. As we read these verses, we can feel Job's angst, fear, emptiness, agony, uncertainty, and even his sense of separation from God. If we are honest, in Job's isolation we can also see part of our Godly responsibility in being the church...the walk of faith is NOT meant to be done alone, but with the Holy Spirit as our helper, we are to walk together through the storms of life with our eyes, minds, and hearts on the person of Jesus Christ, our LORD.

[Prayer]

5-Day Devotional

Job 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

Day 1: When Wisdom Falls Short

Reading: Job 12:1-12

Devotional: It is a sobering thing to realize that those who speak with the most confidence are not always speaking with the most truth. Job's friends had experience, tradition, and spiritual credentials, yet they were wrong. Their comfort had dulled their discernment. They judged by appearances rather than by seeking God's truth. When we face suffering -- our own or someone else's -- we must resist the temptation to reach for easy answers. True wisdom begins with humility.

Ask yourself today: am I listening to understand, or speaking to conclude? God's truth is worth the harder, slower, more honest pursuit.

Day 2: The God Who Holds All Things

Reading: Job 12:13-25

Devotional: Job's portrait of God in this passage is breathtaking. In the middle of his own devastation, Job does not shrink his view of God -- he expands it. He declares that God holds dominion over weather, nations, rulers, speech, wisdom, and darkness itself. This is the posture of mature faith: when life makes the least sense, we affirm the greatest truths about who God is. The sovereign God who governs all things has not lost sight of you. He is not confused by your circumstances. Whatever you cannot explain today, you can still trust the One who holds all things in His hands.

Day 3: The Courage to Be Honest Before God

Reading: Job 13:1-12

Devotional: Job's rebuke of his friends is a call to integrity. He challenges them for speaking falsehoods in God's name, for misrepresenting the character of God in order to defend a tidy theological system. There is a profound warning here for all who teach, counsel, or speak into the lives of others: God is not honored by our confident lies. He is not impressed by spiritual-sounding words that lack truth. Job's willingness to name what was wrong, even at great personal cost, reflects a deep reverence for God's actual character. Let your words about God be measured, honest, and rooted in His Word.

Day 4: Though He Slay Me

Reading: Job 13:13-19

Devotional: Job 13:15 contains one of the most extraordinary declarations of faith found anywhere in Scripture. Job affirms that even if God were to take his very life, his trust in God would remain. This is not reckless defiance -- it is the deepest form of surrender. Job's faith was not conditional on favorable outcomes, restored health, or answered prayers. It was rooted in who God is, not in what God had given him.

Consider today where your own faith is anchored. When the thing you feared most arrives at your door, will your trust in God remain? This is the faith worth cultivating now, before the storm.

Day 5: Yearning for the Presence of God

Reading: Job 13:20-28

Devotional: Beneath Job's bold words lies a broken and longing heart. He does not want to win an argument -- he wants God back. The ache in these verses is the ache of a soul that knows what it is to walk with God and now feels the crushing weight of perceived separation. Yet even in that darkness, Job prays. He turns toward God rather than away from Him. This is the model of faith in suffering: not pretending the pain is not real, but refusing to let the pain have the final word. The walk of faith was never meant to be walked alone. Draw near to God today, and trust that He draws near to you.

Small Group Study Guide

Job 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

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. Suffering does not equal guilt. Job makes a bold and important distinction in chapter 12: the condition of a person's life is not necessarily a reflection of their standing before God. Just as a robber's success does not make him innocent, Job's suffering does not make him guilty.
2. God's sovereignty is total and magnificent. Job's description of God's power and wisdom in Job 12:13-25 surpasses anything his friends offered. God's authority extends over nature, nations, human wisdom, governing powers, and spiritual authority. Only God can fully explain the reasons behind human suffering.
3. Faith is not the absence of questions. Job does not understand what is happening to him. He cannot see Satan's involvement. He has drawn some wrong conclusions. Yet he refuses to abandon God. His faith is not naive or blind, but it is tenacious and real.
4. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15). This is the defining statement of the entire passage. In the face of apparent abandonment, physical devastation, false accusation, and unanswered questions, Job's trust in God remains unshaken. This is the statement that, according to the sermon, must have enraged Satan.
5. The walk of faith is not meant to be done alone. Job's isolation is painful and visible throughout this passage. The church exists, in part, to walk alongside one another through the storms of life so that no believer has to face their hardest moments without community.

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

1. In Job 12:2-6, Job responds to his friends with sarcasm and sharp rebukes. What does his tone reveal about where he is emotionally and spiritually? Is there a difference between venting frustration and losing faith? Where do you see that line in Job's words?

2. The sermon points out that Job's friends relied on spiritual experiences, traditions, and self-righteousness to make their case, while Job's truth relied on God directly. What is the danger of building our theological conclusions primarily on personal experience or tradition rather than on God himself?
3. Read Job 12:13-25 together as a group. How does Job's description of God compare to what his friends have said about God in earlier chapters? What does it tell us that a man in the middle of devastating suffering is the one offering the most majestic view of God?
4. The sermon lists at least eight rebukes Job levels at his friends in Job 13:1-12. Which of those rebukes, if turned inward as a mirror, challenges you the most personally? Why?
5. The sermon describes Job 13:15 as "an earthquake of truth." What makes that statement so extraordinary given everything Job has been through? What would it take for you to be able to say those words and mean them?
6. Job's desire to defend himself before God is described in the sermon as something that "may be misguided, not needed, or appear arrogant" but also as "normal and even Biblical." How do you think about the difference between honest wrestling with God and sinful defiance toward God?
7. The sermon closes with this observation: "the walk of faith is NOT meant to be done alone." Looking at Job's situation, what specifically was he missing by being surrounded by accusers rather than genuine community? What does that say about the responsibility we carry toward one another?

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

1. Write it down. Take fifteen minutes to write out what you know to be true about God, separate from your current circumstances. Keep it somewhere visible this week as an anchor.
2. Examine your counsel. Think about the last time you offered advice or perspective to someone who was suffering. Were you more like Job's friends, relying on assumptions and appearances, or were you genuinely seeking truth on their behalf? Ask God to shape you into a more honest and humble encourager.
3. Check on someone. Job's isolation made his suffering worse. Think of one person in your life who may be walking through a hard season largely alone. Reach out to them this week, not with answers, but with presence.

4. Sit with Job 13:15. Read that verse slowly each morning this week. Ask God to make it true of you not just as a statement you agree with, but as a conviction that holds when things are hard.
5. Be honest with God. Job modeled bringing his raw, unfiltered questions directly to God rather than away from Him. If there is something you have been holding back from God out of fear or uncertainty, bring it to Him this week in prayer.

Closing Prayer Points:

- For anyone in the group walking through a season of suffering or confusion
- For the humility to be honest with God rather than performing for Him
- For the courage to trust God in the things we do not understand
- For the group to be genuine community for one another, not accusers or bystanders

Discussion Questions

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Job's Unshakeable Trust

1. Job rebukes his friends for judging him based on appearances rather than truth -- in what ways might we be guilty of drawing conclusions about someone's spiritual condition based solely on their outward circumstances?
2. Job distinguishes between the prosperity of robbers and the guilt of sin, challenging the assumption that hardship equals divine punishment -- how does this reshape the way you understand suffering in your own life or the lives of those around you?
3. The sermon notes that Job's truth relied upon God while his friends relied on spiritual experiences, traditions, and self-righteousness -- what are the subtle ways we might substitute these things for a genuine, God-centered pursuit of truth?
4. The saying 'do not reject the One you do know for all the things you do not know' is described as reflective of Job's posture -- what does it look like practically to hold fast to what you know of God when you cannot make sense of your circumstances?
5. The sermon highlights that Job's friends, in misrepresenting God, were themselves being wicked -- how seriously do we take the responsibility of accurately representing God's character when we counsel or comfort others in their suffering?
6. Job's sweeping description of God's sovereignty over nations, weather, wisdom, and human authority stands in contrast to his friends' limited view of God -- in what areas of life do you find it most difficult to genuinely believe in and submit to God's sovereign control?
7. The sermon closes by observing that the walk of faith is not meant to be done alone -- in what specific ways is your community of faith actively walking alongside those who are in seasons of isolation, doubt, or suffering?
8. Job yearns for restored relationship with God even in the depths of his pain and confusion -- what does his longing reveal about the nature of true faith, and how does it challenge a view of God that is primarily transactional or performance-based?

Dinner Conversation Starters

Job 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

1. When Life Doesn't Make Sense

Job trusted God even when he didn't understand what was happening. Can you think of a time when you had to trust God without knowing the "why"?

2. Don't Judge by Appearances

Job's friends assumed his suffering meant he had sinned. Why is it dangerous to make quick judgments about someone else's life?

3. "Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him"

Job 13:15 shows deep faith in God. What does it look like for our family to trust God even during hard or confusing seasons?

4. Speaking Truth with Humility

Job's friends talked a lot, but they didn't represent God well. How can we make sure our words help others instead of hurting them?

5. Walking Together Through Storms

The sermon reminded us that faith is not meant to be lived alone. How can our family better support one another when someone is struggling?

Family Conversation Guide for Children & Early Teens

Job 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

AGES 5-7: SIMPLIFYING THE MESSAGE APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Don't Guess the Worst About Others**: Job's friends thought they knew why Job was hurting, but they were wrong.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) Have you ever seen someone sad or left out? What could you say to them?
 - (b) Why is it unkind to guess bad things about someone?
 - (c) How can we be like a helper instead of like Job's friends?
2. **Use Words That Help, Not Hurt**: Job's friends talked a lot, but their words made his pain worse.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What words make you feel better when you are sad?
 - (b) What words can hurt someone's heart?
 - (c) What could you say if a friend is having a hard day?
3. **Trust God When You Don't Understand**: Job didn't understand why hard things were happening, but he still trusted God.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What is something that feels hard or confusing to you?
- (b) How can we remember God loves us when we feel sad?
- (c) What can our family pray about together?

AGES 8-12: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Don't Judge Someone's Situation Too Quickly**: Job's friends assumed his suffering proved he had done something wrong.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) Why do people sometimes judge others based on what they see?
- (b) Have you ever been misunderstood? How did it feel?
- (c) What is a better response than gossiping or assuming?

2. **Be a Better Listener Than Advice-Giver**: Job told his friends their silence would have been wiser than their speeches.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What makes someone a good listener?
- (b) When should you just listen, and when should you ask an adult for help?
- (c) What are some phrases that show care without pretending to know all the answers?

3. **Represent God Truthfully**: Job's friends talked about God, but they misrepresented Him.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) Why is it serious to say things about God that may not be true?
- (b) What do we know is true about God when life is hard?
- (c) How can we encourage someone without pretending we know why something happened?

AGES 11-15: DEEPENING THE CONNECTION APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Refuse Shallow Explanations for Deep Pain**: Job's friends oversimplified his suffering and blamed him wrongly.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) Why are people tempted to give quick explanations for someone else's pain?
- (b) What are some things Christians should not say to someone who is suffering?
- (c) What would a more Christlike response sound like?

2. **Practice Humble Discernment Before Speaking**: Job's friends had confidence, but not wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

- (a) How can confidence become arrogance?
- (b) What questions should you ask before commenting, posting, or sharing?
- (c) Have you ever regretted speaking too quickly? What did you learn?

3. **Be Loyal to God When Faith Feels Confusing**: Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Discussion Questions:

- (a) What kinds of situations make people your age question God?
- (b) What is the difference between asking God honest questions and rejecting Him?

(c) Who are trusted people you can talk to when your faith feels shaken?

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 12-13

Job's Unshakeable Trust

1. Don't Confuse Someone's Pain with God's Punishment

Bible References:

- (a) Job 12:4-5 — Job says he is mocked even though he is righteous and blameless.
- (b) John 9:1-3 — Jesus rejects the assumption that suffering always comes from personal sin.
- (c) Romans 12:15 — “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

Application: When someone is struggling, don't assume you know why. Job's friends wrongly judged his suffering as proof of hidden sin. A faithful response begins with compassion, not accusation.

Scenario: Someone in your friend group is suddenly distant, anxious, depressed, or going through family problems. Others start saying, “They must have done something,” or “They're just being dramatic.”

Discussion: How can you show compassion without pretending you know the reason behind someone else's pain?

2. Be Slow to Speak in Group Conversations

Bible References:

- (a) Job 13:5 — “Oh that you would keep silent, and it would be your wisdom!”
- (b) James 1:19 — “Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”
- (c) Proverbs 18:13 — “If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”

Application: Job's friends would have been wiser if they had listened more and talked less. In group settings, spiritual maturity often looks like slowing down, listening carefully, and not needing to have the hottest take.

Scenario: In a small group, Bible study, classroom, or friend circle, someone shares something vulnerable. People rush to give advice, correct them, or turn it into a debate.

Discussion: What does it look like to be “quick to hear” when someone shares something difficult?

3. Don’t Use Spiritual Language to Win Arguments

Bible References:

- (a) Job 13:7 — “Will you speak falsely for God and speak deceitfully for him?”
- (b) Matthew 7:1-5 — Jesus warns against hypocritical judgment.
- (c) 2 Timothy 2:24-25 — The Lord’s servant must correct opponents with gentleness.

Application: Job’s friends talked about God, but they misrepresented Him. Don’t use Bible verses, Christian phrases, or “God told me” language to control, shame, or overpower people.

Scenario: You are in a disagreement with a friend, dating partner, parent, or church member. Someone uses spiritual language like, “If you were really following God, you’d agree with me,” or “God showed me you’re the problem.”

Discussion: How can Christians speak truth without becoming arrogant, manipulative, or harsh?

4. Refuse to Join Digital Pile-Ons

Bible References:

- (a) Job 12:5 — “In the thought of one who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune.”
- (b) Proverbs 16:28 — “A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.”
- (c) Ephesians 4:29 — Speak only what builds up and gives grace.

Application: Job’s friends added pain to someone who was already suffering. Online, this can look like sharing screenshots, mocking someone’s failure, liking cruel comments, or joining a public shaming trend.

Scenario: A classmate, influencer, church member, or friend gets exposed online. Group chats fill with memes, screenshots, assumptions, and jokes at their expense.

Discussion: Before you like, comment, repost, or screenshot, how can you ask, “Does this build up or tear down?”

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.