

I. Wrestling In His Own Heart (1a)

"Righteous are you, O Lord, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before You."

II. Wrestling With Valid Questions (1b-2)

"Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? {INJUSTICE} 2 You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit {FRUSTRATION WITH GOD}; You are near in their mouth and far from their heart {HYPOCRISY}."

III. Wrestling With the Ways of God (3a)

"But You, O Lord, know me; You see me, and test my heart toward You..."

IV. Wrestling With Impatience & Anger (3b-4)

"Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter and set them apart for the day of slaughter. 4 How long will the land mourn and the grass of every field wither? For the evil of those who dwell in it the beasts and the birds are swept away, because they said, 'He will not see our latter end.'"

V. Wrestling With Hard Answers (5)

"If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?"

1. The warfare will become more difficult, Jeremiah.
2. Life's circumstances will prove more challenging, Jeremiah.
3. 2 Questions:
 - a. how do you intend to battle to victory against your opposition?
 - b. How do you intend to endure through impossibility?

Lessons About Manhood that we learn as we endure:

1. True Kingdom manhood is not easy. It's not glamorous. It's not natural, logical or professional. We are never finished. There are always challenges, needs, obstacles and opposition from human & spiritual enemies.

2. True Kingdom manhood gets more intense the deeper you go. We grow stronger, for sure, but the deeper we forge into enemy territory, the more intense the warfare becomes. Dying to self is the truest fight among all the fights. We are called to selflessness, sacrifice and service to our King, to our wives, to our children. We never graduate, therefore we can never quit. We should embrace that these days are actually the easier days compared to what is coming as we continue to advance the Gospel and God's Kingdom. If we cannot endure in days of relative ease, we are poorly prepared for what God entrusts and assigns to us to us later.

3. The degree to which we remain singularly focused, enduring in hope and pressing in to Christ for joy is the degree to which we fully experience the victory.