

WHEN YOU STRUGGLE WITH YOUR FAITH!

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TEXT:

Job 10:1-10 KJV

1 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. 3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? 5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, 6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? 7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. 8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?"

(NIV)

"I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul. **2)** I say to God: Do not declare me guilty, but tell me what charges you have against me. **3)** Does it please you to oppress me, to spurn the work of your hands, while you smile on the plans of the wicked? **4)** Do you have eyes of flesh? Do you see as a mortal sees? **5)** Are your days like those of a mortal or your years like those of a strong man, **6)** that you must search out my faults and probe after my sin— **7)** though you know that I am not guilty and that no one can rescue me from your hand? **8)** "Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? **9)** Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?"

SUBJ: When you struggle with your faith!

INTRO: In this passage of scripture, Job is bitter about what has happened to him and what he's going through and he's struggling with his faith!

(QUESTION) How many of y'all would be honest and admit with me today, that there are some times when you go through something, that you struggle with your faith?

(EXP#) Sometimes you struggle with your faith dealing with your family

(EXP#) Sometimes you struggle with your faith dealing with your finances

(EXP#) Sometimes you struggle with your faith dealing with your health situation

(EXP#) Sometimes you struggle with your faith dealing with your job problems

(EXP#) Sometimes you struggle with your faith dealing with your marriage

And I don't care how HOLY you are OR how holy you THINK you are, sometimes there are some things that you go through and deal with, and you struggle with your faith!

If you remember Job was somebody that GOD bragged on to the devil in

Job 1:8

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? that he was upright and eschewed evil!

(EXPOUND) Job wasn't like nobody else in the earth, he was faithful to GOD, but with everything that he was dealing with he began to struggle with his faith!

(EXPOUND) Even JESUS, who was the son of GOD, who was GOD in the flesh, had a moment where he struggled with his faith before he went to the Cross!

The Bible says in

Luke 22:41-42

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

I don't care who you are, sometimes there are some things that you go through and deal with, and you struggle with your faith!

And This is what I learned about struggling with your faith:

BODY:

When you struggle with your faith:

#1 KEEP STRUGGLING WITH YOUR FAITH!

(EXPOUND) See as long as you're struggling with your faith, you still have a hold of it!

That's why the Apostle Paul told Timothy

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

(EXPOUND) Whatever you do, don't stop fighting.

(EXP#) Even if you're tired, keep on fighting!

(EXP#) Even if you're hurting, keep on fighting!

(EXP#) Even if the Job is not right, keep on fighting!

(EXP#) Even if the finances are not good, keep on fighting!

(EXP#) Even if the marriage is on rocky roads, keep on fighting!

(EXP#) Even if the family is dysfunctional, keep on fighting!

Don't stop Fighting!

Paul said

2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

(MESSAGE)

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life!

(EXP#) No matter what it looks like, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how hard it is, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how long you've been in there, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how long you've been dealing with it, don't faint!

Because if you faint, you'll miss it!

Genesis 32:24-25

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26] And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me!

(EXPOUND) A lot of us have allowed the hurt that we've experienced to make us stop fighting and it's keeping us from the blessings that GOD has for us!

(EXP#) He hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) She hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) This sickness hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) My finances hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) My family hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) My friends hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

(EXP#) This problem hurt me, but I'mma keep fighting!

When you struggle with your faith:

#2 YOU HAVE TO TRUST GOD IN SPITE OF HOW YOU FEEL!

(EXPOUND) When you struggle with your faith, that's when you have to trust GOD in spite of how you feel!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you're bringing me through this, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why this happened to me, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you told me to sow this, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you moved me, but I trust you!

When you whole heartedly trust your father, you don't try to understand what he's doing, you just trust him!

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know where the money is coming from for your bills.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when the Doctors don't know what else to do.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know when the pandemic will be over.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know what's going on in your life.

Job said in

Job 13:15

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him!

(EXPOUND) He said, "I'm going to trust GOD, In spite of what I'm going through!"

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of what the doctor said.

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of what the situation looks like.

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of how my finances are.

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of how long it takes!

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of how hurt I am.

(EXP#) I'm going to trust GOD, in spite of how disappointed I am.

Psalm 31:1

In thee, O Lord , do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

(EXPOUND) You can Trust GOD because GOD will never let be ashamed!

Solomon said in
Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

(EXPOUND) When you totally trust GOD, you don't try to understand he's doing, you just relax and let him do what he does!

When you struggle with your faith:

#3 YOU HAVE TO TRUST GOD TO BE TRUE TO HIS WORD!

(EXPOUND) You have to trust the truths of GOD when you're struggling with your faith!

(EXP#) His truths are that he said he will never leaves us nor forsake us!

(EXP#) His truths are that when we are troubled we can call on him and he shall deliver us!

(EXP#) His truths are that he his our shield, our fortress, our refuge and our high tower!

(EXP#) His truths are that no weapon that is formed against shall prosper!

(EXP#) His truths are that if he be for us, who can be against us!

(EXP#) His truths are that GOD is the same GOD yesterday, today and forever more!

You have to trust the truths of GOD because GOD doesn't lie!

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent:

hath he said, and shall he not do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

(EXPOUND) The truth people of GOD, is that you can't afford to trust nothing but GOD's truth because everything else is a lie.

CONCLUSION:

When you struggle with your faith:

#4 REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU!

(EXPOUND) When you remember what GOD has done for you before, it builds your Faith in what he can do again!

Psalm 77:11

I will remember the works of the Lord : surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

(EXPOUND) If you can remember his wonders of old, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he created the heavens and the earth, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he delivered Daniel from a lions den, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he parted the Red Sea, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

Okay maybe that's too long ago and far off!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he healed your body, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he delivered last year, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he kept you the last time, it'll keep your Faith from failing this time!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he's the same GOD today, yesterday and forever more, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

(EXP#) If you can remember, he never changes, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

Paul said in

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

(EXPOND) If you can remember, he always causeth us to triumph in Christ, it'll keep your Faith from failing!

