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Weekend of October 3–4, 2020

When Life Seems Hopeless: Hope for the Discouraged Heart—The Book of Job

Part 3 of 6 in the “Hope for the Heavy Heart” series

When life seems hopeless, God offers us the _____ we _____ —
even when He doesn’t give us the _____ we _____ .

1. When you don’t know what to do, _____

- Let your _____ out (verse 1:20a)
- Lift your _____ up (verses 1:20b–22)

2. Remind yourself, “_____ is _____ and I am not”

- He _____ everything in the world (verses 38:4; 42:2)
- He _____ everything in my life (verses 1:12; 2:6)

3. Don’t mistake God’s _____ for His _____

- Step back and _____ what God almighty has _____ (verses 38:1–40:2)
- Lean in and _____ what God already has _____ (verses 40:3–5; 42:4–6)

4. Separate what you _____ from what you _____

- **Hold on to what you do** _____
 - » If you are _____, you are blessed (verses 1:21, 2:9–10)
 - » If you are _____, you are secure (verses 19:25–27)
 - » If you are _____, you are being refined (verses 27:2–6)
- **Let go of what you don’t** _____
 - » What is happening in _____ (verses 1:6–12; 2:1–6)
 - » What will happen on _____ (verses 42:7–12)

5. Reach out to _____ rather than suffer _____

- _____ the voices who will _____ you _____ (verses 4:7–9; 8:1–9; 11:4–6)
- _____ the voices who will _____ you _____ (verses 33:6–7, 32)

6. Accept that you may never know “_____?” this side of Heaven

- _____ God with the _____ why (verses 1:10; 2:6)
- _____ to God without the _____ why (verses 42:5–6)

7. Recognize your season of _____ will not last _____

- This too shall _____ (verse 1:21)
- This does not _____ (verse 19:25)

Are you willing to _____ the _____ you need even if you do not get the answers you want?

Are you an _____ of God's hope to _____ ?

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When life seems hopeless, God offers us the hope we need—
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1. When you don’t know what to do, worship

- Let your pain out (*verse 1:20a*)
- Lift your God up (*verses 1:20b–22*)

2. Remind yourself, “God is God and I am not”

- He created everything in the world (*verses 38:4; 42:2*)
- He filters everything in my life (*verses 1:12; 2:6*)

3. Don’t mistake God’s silence for His absence

- Step back and see what God almighty has created (*verses 38:1–40:2*)
- Lean in and hear what God already has said (*verses 40:3–5; 42:4–6*)

4. Separate what you know from what you don’t know

- ***Hold on to what you do know***
 - » If you are breathing, you are blessed (*verses 1:21, 2:9–10*)
 - » If you are saved, you are secure (*verses 19:25–27*)
 - » If you are redeemed, you are being refined (*verses 27:2–6*)
- ***Let go of what you don’t know***
 - » What is happening in heaven today (*verses 1:6–12; 2:1–6*)
 - » What will happen on earth tomorrow (*verses 42:7–12*)

5. Reach out to others rather than suffer alone

- Tune out the voices who will drag you down (verses 4:7–9; 8:1–9; 11:4–6)
- Turn up the voices who will build you up (verses 33:6–7, 32)

6. Accept that you may never know “Why?” this side of Heaven

- Trust God with the reason why (verses 1:10; 2:6)
- Turn to God without the answer why (verses 42:5–6)

7. Recognize your season of suffering will not last forever

- This too shall pass (verse 1:21)
- This does not define you (verse 19:25)

Are you willing to accept the hope you need even if you do not get the answers you want?

Are you an extension of God’s hope to others?