



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION
2012 JUN 24**

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. **Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.**

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. **Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important.** Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. **If possible, live in peace with everyone.** Do that as much as you can.

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preparation...



preparation...



the start...



laying out the materials...



planning...



first set of stairs...

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Say something about this photo...



Smile, Taylor, smile...



Say something about this photo...



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Quality inspection....



meditating...



Say something about this photo...



Concentration...



Say something

Type any name



Say something about this photo...

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We also

Painted a deck.

**Enjoyed having
Freddy with us
during the week,**

Prayed for many,

**Encouraged
others.....**

And enjoyed life!

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Penny

Barb

Short message/ discussion

Why do people struggle if God is in control?

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Real story like so many...

“I have worked since I was 16 and now I am finding myself at 40 unemployed and losing everything I have worked for.

I have a son who is 10 yrs old and we are struggling. I cry every night due to the stress of not being able to find a job to pay my bills.

I find most jobs are checking your credit report and mine went to the dogs due to losing my job. Stress is going to kill me before they pass the extension for us.

I go on interviews and they tell me you have a gap in your employment history. Well of course I have been laid off. I am in a no win situation. I want to work but most of the jobs here are only hiring for the grave yard shift and I cant leave my child alone.

All I want is to get through Christmas for my child and then I will give up my house and move in with my parents sad but I have no other choice.

I don't want to die from a heart attack or stroke from all the stress and leave a child behind.”

Excerpt from <http://jobsearch.about.com/u/sty/unemployment/unemployedstory/Losing-Everything-I-Worked-For.htm>

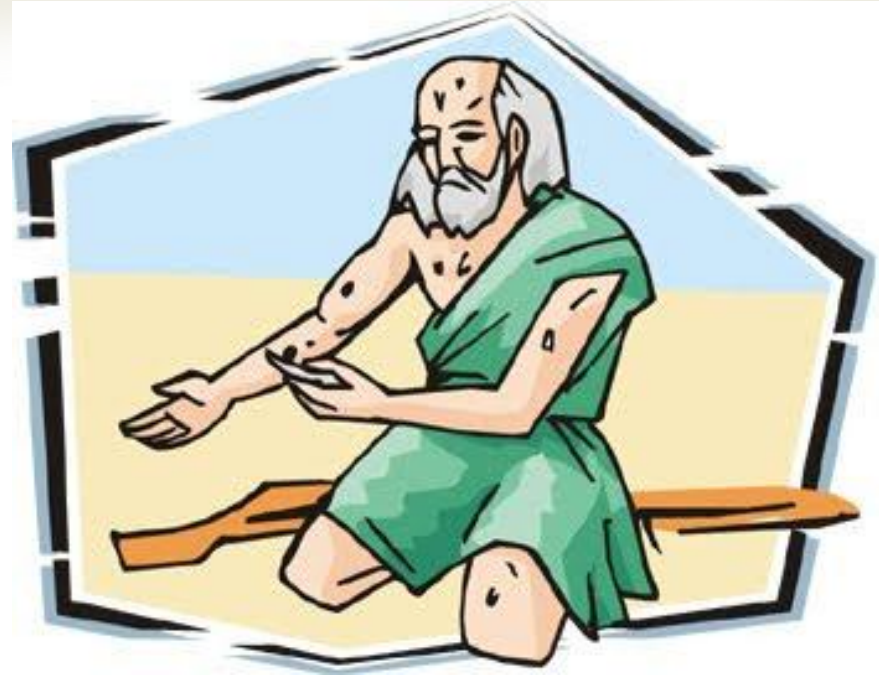
Maybe this is the reason people need Christian's nearby...

What do you think this person thinks about God?

Why?

*How likely are we to praise God if we
lose everything we own?*

Job did...



JOB'S STORY IS ONE OF SUFFERING...WHERE WE CAN SEE GOD'S STATEMENTS ABOUT HUMAN SUFFERING!

Job is the first of five books commonly referred to as "The Books Of Poetry".

These include Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. Called such because they are written in poetic style in contrast to the narrative style of most other books, they are also often referred to as "Wisdom Literature" (especially Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes).

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917) offered this concise summary of the five books:

- Job - How to suffer
- Psalms - How to pray
- Proverbs - How to act
- Ecclesiastes - How to enjoy
- Song of Solomon - How to love

THE HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF THE BOOK of JOB?

Even though inspired, are we to take the events described in it as historically true? There are several reasons for believing that they are:

- In Ezekiel 14:14, Job is mentioned along with Noah and Daniel, two other figures of history.

- James, the Lord's brother, refers to Job as an example of perseverance (James 5:11).

Ezekiel 14:14

New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

And suppose Noah, Daniel and Job were in that country. Then those three men could save only themselves by doing what is right," announces the Lord and King.

James 5:11

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11 As you know, we think that people who don't give up are blessed. You have heard that Job was patient. And you have seen what the Lord finally did for him. The Lord is full of tender mercy and loving concern.

Job, one of the most complex and interesting books in the Old Testament, deals with a profound human theme. Why do people suffer, if God is in control?

The book itself, a **very long and highly structured poem**, is about a man named **Job who lost all that he had within a short period of time**. He found himself an outcast, waiting for death near the city dump, when some of his former friends came to comfort him.

The hidden backdrop to the story is the will of God and the sneering challenge of the Devil.

The first set of speeches made by Job's friends has the general theme that Job is sinful. ***The all-wise, all-powerful God, they say, is only giving him what he deserves.***

All three friends speak:

Eliphaz, who is a ***kindly mystic***;

Bildad, a rather ***unsympathetic traditionalist***;

and

Zophar, a narrow ***dogmatist***.

These three men represent different approaches to the problem of suffering, as does Job himself.

Outline for the Book of Job

- **Prologue:** scene in heaven Job 1:1-2:13
[looked at the first part last week]
Now we continue...
- **First set of speeches** Job 3:1-14:22
- **Second set of speeches** Job 15:1-21:34
- **Third set of speeches** Job 22:1-31:40
- **The speech of Elihu** Job 32:1-37:24
- **The reply of God** Job 38:1-42:6
- **Epilogue** Job 42:7-17

¹³ One day Job's sons and daughters were at their oldest brother's house. They were enjoying good food and drinking wine.

¹⁴ During that time **a messenger came to Job**. He said, "The oxen were plowing. The donkeys were eating grass near them. ¹⁵ Then the Sabeans attacked us and carried the animals off. They killed some of the servants with their swords. I'm the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, **a second messenger came**. He said, "God sent lightning from the sky. It struck the sheep and killed them. It burned up some of the servants. I'm the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, **a third messenger came**. He said, "The Chaldeans separated themselves into three groups. They attacked your camels and carried them off. They killed the rest of the servants with their swords. I'm the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, **a fourth messenger came**. He said, "Your sons and daughters were at their oldest brother's house. They were enjoying good food and drinking wine. ¹⁹ Suddenly a strong wind blew in from the desert. It struck the four corners of the house. The house fell down on your children. Now all of them are dead. I'm the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

JOB'S LOSSES IN ONE DAY...

1. His oxen, donkeys, and their servants to Sabeian raiders
2. His sheep and their servants to "fire from God from heaven"
3. His camel and their servants to Chaldean raiders
4. His sons and daughters are killed in a tornado

How would we feel?

²⁰ After Job heard all of those reports, he got up and tore his robe. He shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground and worshiped the Lord.

²¹ He said,
"I was born naked.
And I'll leave here naked.
You have given, and you have taken away.
May your name be praised."

Did Job pass the test?

YES!

JOB'S REACTION TO THESE LOSSES...

He mourns, of course

- a. Tears his robe
- b. Shaves his head
- c. Falls to the ground

But then he worships!

- a. In grief, he still praises God
- b. Even though he considers God as the One who has done all these things

- 1) He blesses the name of the Lord
- 2) He does not charge God with wrong

How did Job's behavior help God?

*How many think Satan gives up if we
succeed in evading his attacks?*

Now let's see what Satan does

On another day angels came to the Lord. Satan also came to him along with them.

² The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered, "From traveling all around the earth. I've been going from one end of it to the other."

³ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you thought about my servant Job? There isn't anyone on earth like him. He is honest. He does what is right. He has respect for me and avoids evil.

You tried to turn me against him. You wanted me to destroy him without any reason.

Did Satan actually achieve this?

But he still continues to be faithful."

Job showed Satan's view of man was inadequate

Who was the better judge of Job? Satan or God?

When we are at the bottom of what we consider the bad experiences, the place people say things can only get better, and they get worse, how do we react?

Let's see what happened to Job!

Satan's "sour grapes" and his second chance...

⁴ Satan replied, "A man will give everything he has to save himself. So Job is willing to give up the lives of his family to save his own life.

⁵ "But reach out your hand and strike his flesh and bones. Then I'm sure he will speak evil things against you. In fact, he'll do it right in front of you."

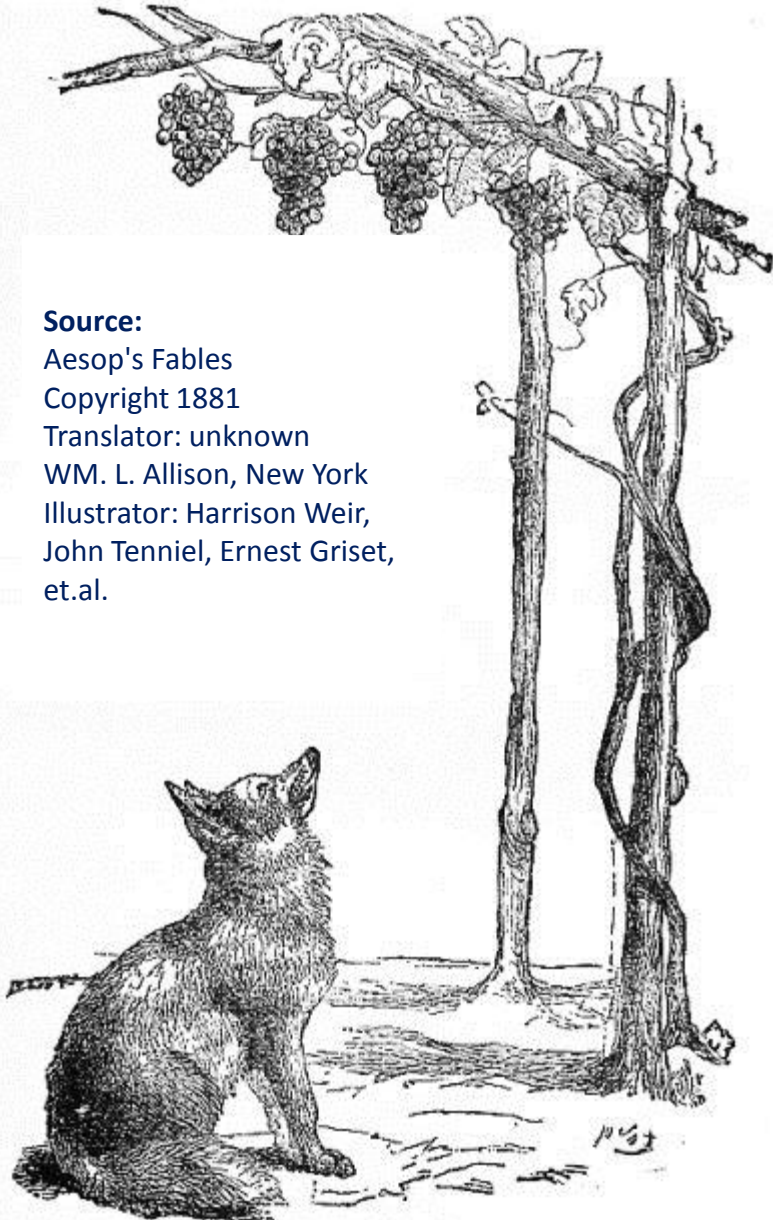
⁶ The Lord said to Satan, "All right. I am handing him over to you. But you must spare his life."

What do we think of this?

A side note..where does the story of
“sour grapes” come from?

ESOPs
fables

The Fox and the grapes



Source:

Aesop's Fables

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Translator: unknown

WM. L. Allison, New York

Illustrator: Harrison Weir,

John Tenniel, Ernest Griset,

et.al.

One hot summer's day a Fox was strolling through an orchard till he came to a bunch of Grapes just ripening on a vine which had been trained over a lofty branch.

"Just the thing to quench my thirst," quoth he. Drawing back a few paces, he took a run and a jump, and just missed the bunch.

Turning round again with a One, Two, Three, he jumped up, but with no greater success.

Again and again he tried after the tempting morsel, but at last had to give it up, and walked away with his nose in the air, saying: "I am sure they are sour."

To get back to Job ...now that Satan has a nasty second chance...

⁷ Then Satan left the Lord and went on his way. He sent painful sores on Job. They covered him from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head.

⁸ He got part of a broken pot. He used it to scrape his skin. He did it while he was sitting in ashes.

Sent sores on Job? Were the sores Job's sores or Satan's? Rather interesting wording isn't it?

What would we have been thinking at this time?

What sort of encouragement would we have wanted to hear?

Advice...

⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still continuing to be faithful to the Lord? Speak evil things against him and die!"

¹⁰ Job replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. We accept good things from God. So we should also accept trouble when he sends it."

Why do you think his wife said this?

What type of encouragement was this?

How would you describe Job's wife's attitude?

How would we reply?

Did he say to his wife she was foolish?

Was he truthful?

What was Job's attitude to his wife's attitude?

When we are down and out and get this type of advice, how do we react?

What can we learn from Job?

Does Job pass the test?

In spite of everything, Job didn't say anything that was sinful.

1. What would we have done?
2. Now that we know what God wanted, what would we do?
3. How much inner strength did it take for Job to do this?
4. How do we think his past helped him in this decision?
5. How can we build a past that will help us with our decisions?

But this was not the end for Job was it...more next week!

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I am every man

Who am I

Wonderful merciful saviour

God of this city

Gentle Shepherd

Heavens Joy awaits

East is from the West

While you were sleeping

lkfhjlskfhs

You raise me up

Next slide. . .



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24-Jun-12	Income		480
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