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THE STORY OF JOB

**Tears, Passion,
and Job's Longing for a Mediator**
Job 16:16-21



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My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is deep darkness, although there is no violence in my hands and my prayer is pure. O earth, cover not my blood, and let my cry find no resting place. Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and he who testifies for me is on high. My friends scorn me; my eye pours out tears to God, that he would argue the case of a man with God, as a son of man does with his neighbor.

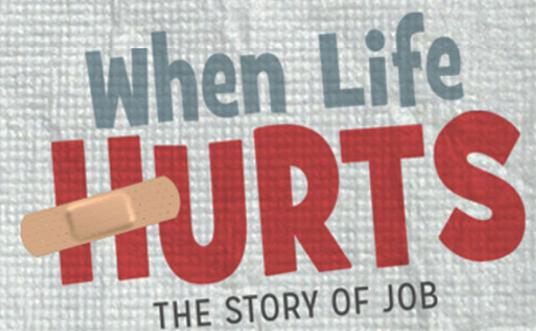
The Sanity of Tears:

Sometimes tears are the only appropriate response to living in our fallen world. Tears are sometimes the only God-honoring response to living in the midst of sin and injustice.

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The Normalization of Passion

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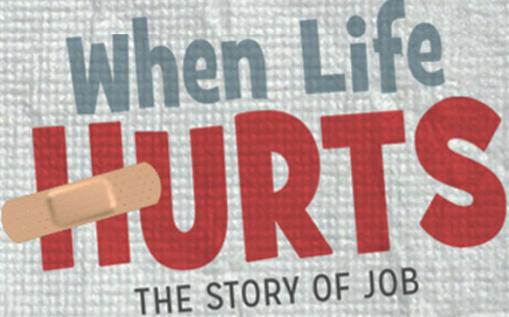


Job 16:12-15

*I was at ease, and he broke me apart;
he seized me by the neck and dashed
me to pieces; he set me up as his target;
his archers surround me. He slashes open
my kidneys and does not spare;
he pours out my gall on the ground. He
breaks me with breach upon breach; he
runs upon me like a warrior. I have sewed
sackcloth upon my skin and have laid my
strength in the dust.*

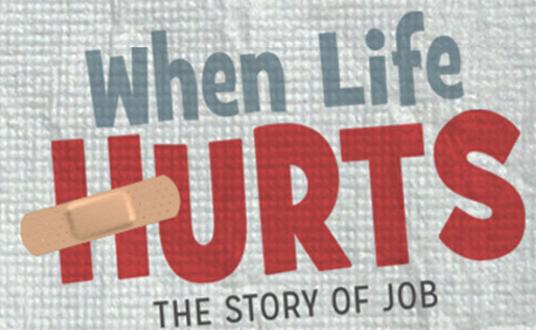
“Self-control is a vital quality in Christians—but not to the point where it completely eviscerates our passions. Is not God Himself an intensely passionate being? He loves passionately, He hates passionately, and there is absolutely nothing about which He is dispassionate.”

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The logo consists of the text 'When Life' in a blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'HURTS' in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. A white bandage with a brown border is placed over the 'HURTS' text. Below this, the words 'THE STORY OF JOB' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

He is capable of passionate jealousy and passionate anger, and more than that there was a time (if we are to believe Gen. 6:6) when He grew so despairingly furious with mankind that He actually regretted having created us at all.”

–Mike Mason



2 Samuel 6:14-16 (NLT)

And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns. But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.

2 Samuel 6:20, 22 (NLT)

Vs. 20b:

She said in disgust:

“How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!”

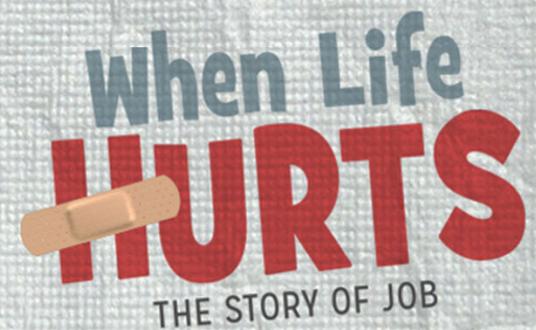
Vs. 22:

Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!

How do You Increase your Passion for the Things of God?

1. Show Up.
2. Do the Next Right Thing.
3. Surrender Completely. (And do it often)
4. Pray Out Loud.

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Job 9:32-34 (ESV)

For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together. There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both. Let him take his rod away from me, and let not dread of him terrify me.

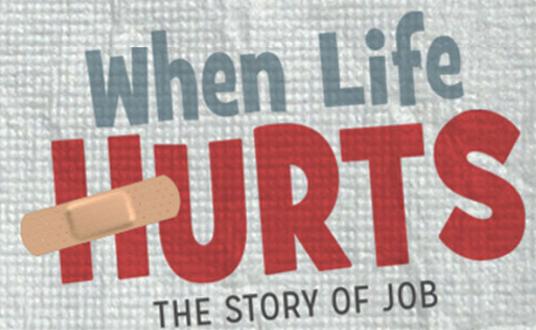
Job 9:33 (NIV)

If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

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I have never yet found a text that had not got a road to Christ in it, and if I ever do find one that has not a road to Christ

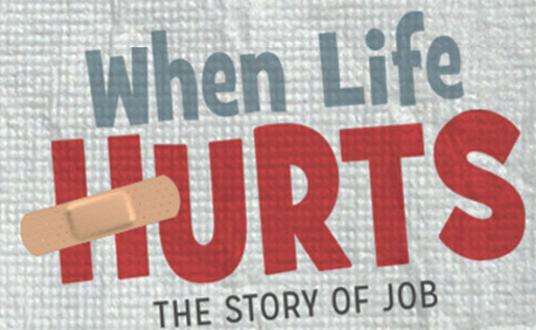
in it, I will make one; I will go over hedge and ditch but I would get at my Master, for the sermon cannot do any good unless there is a savor of Christ in it.”

-Charles Spurgeon

Luke 24:26-27

“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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8 Ways that Christ is Walking in the Book of Job:

1. A Blameless Man

In the book of Job, the most upright man on earth (Job 1:8) suffers the most of anyone on earth. 1 Peter 2 says of Jesus “He committed no sin” but “he himself bore our sins in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:22, 24)

2. Passionate Lament

Job bemoaned, “Why do You hide Your face, and regard me as Your enemy?” (13:24). Jesus’ cry on the cross, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mt 27:46) Both engaged in passionate laments in in the hour of their suffering.

3. Forsaken by Friends

In the hour when Job needed his friends most, they failed him:

“Miserable comforters are you all” (Job 16:1). At Jesus’ arrest, all his friends forsake him: “Then everyone deserted him and fled.” (Mark 14:50)

4. Disfigured by Suffering

Job was so disfigured by his sufferings that his friends didn't recognize him (Job 2:12: "When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him"). Isaiah says that the Messiah's "appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance" (Isaiah 52:14)

5. Source of Trial

The source of Job's suffering was that he was attacked by people, by Satan, and by God. And when you look at the cross, you realize that Jesus was crucified by people (the Roman soldiers, the Jewish leaders), by Satan (who entered Judas Iscariot), and by God (who gave His Son for us all).

6. Innocent Sufferer

God to Satan about Job: “You incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause” (Job 2:30). Job did nothing wrong to deserve his suffering. Nor did Christ. Jesus was a sacrificial lamb “without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:19)

7. Intercession & Suffering

Job was asked to intercede for his friends. (Job 42:8: “My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly.” Jesus is our great high priest who “always lives to make intercession” (Heb 7:25).

8. Granted A Vision of Seeing God

Job says: “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You” (Job 42:5). Jesus says only the Son “has seen the Father” (John 6:46).