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Daily Devotional

DAY 5



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Job 6 - 9

The Question Underneath All the Questions

There is a question most of us carry somewhere deep and quiet - the kind we don't say out loud in church or put in our prayers because we're not sure we're allowed to ask it. Job asks it out loud. Repeatedly. With the kind of honesty that makes you wince and lean forward at the same time.

The question is this: Is God fair?

Job does not ask this question because he has lost his faith. He asks it because his faith is real enough to argue with.

In chapter 6, Job turns to his friends and says plainly: you have not helped. You came to console me and instead you came to explain me — and you got me wrong. He is not angry at God yet. He is exhausted. He says his grief is heavier than the sand of the seas.

- Sometimes the hardest part of suffering is not the suffering itself. It is feeling unseen inside it. "What strength do I have, that I should still hope?

What prospects, that I should be patient?"

- Job 6:11

Have you ever felt that? Have you ever sat in something so heavy you couldn't find the bottom of it, and someone told you to be patient, and you wanted to ask - with what? On what reserves? From what well?

God kept this verse in His book so that every person who has ever felt that way would know: you are not the first. And you are not alone.

Chapter 7 is Job talking directly to God. And it is uncomfortable. He accuses God of watching him too closely, of not letting him breathe. It is, by any measure, irreverent. And yet it is also one of the most intimate chapters in the Bible - because Job is still talking to God. He is furious and confused and in agony, and he has not walked away. He is fighting with the One he cannot stop believing in.

The opposite of faith is not doubt. It is indifference. Job doubts everything in these chapters - but he never stops speaking to God. That is faith.

Bildad steps in during chapter 8. His argument is harsher: if your children died, they must have sinned. If you repent, God will restore you. There are people in your life who think like Bildad. You can hear it in the undertone of their questions: what did you do to end up here? Have you prayed about it? Have you repented enough?

- Sometimes the most spiritual-sounding words are the least helpful ones.

Job's response in chapter 9 is his most profound yet. He doesn't deny that God is powerful or just. He says something more unsettling: even if I were righteous, I could not make my case before Him. Not because God is cruel, but because God is so far beyond me that I have no common ground on which to stand. And then he says something that should stop you cold:

“If only there were someone to mediate between us,”

- Job 9:33

If only there were someone to mediate. A go-between. Someone who could stand between a suffering human and a holy God and hold both without being destroyed by either.

Job didn't know His name yet. But he was crying out for Jesus. Thousands of years before Bethlehem, a broken man in ashes was longing for the one Mediator - and God heard him.

The questions Job asks in these chapters are not answered here. Some won't be answered in this book. Some won't be answered this side of eternity. But this is what these chapters have shown us: you are allowed to bring all of it to God. The rage, the confusion, the bone-deep exhaustion, the question that feels too dangerous to ask. Bring it. He is not frightened by your honesty. He kept Job's words in His book forever — because He wanted you to read them. He wanted you to know He can handle exactly what you're carrying.

Speak this over yourself today:

I do not have to clean up my prayers before I bring them.

God is not afraid of my questions.

*And one day, like Job, I will see that He was present
in every moment I thought He was absent.*

TOMORROW - Day 6 Job 10–14

*Job is about to say something in chapter 14 that reads like a
prophecy -q a desperate, beautiful hope spoken by a man in
ashes who somehow sees further than he should be able to see.*

You don't want to miss it.

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