

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

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Lines of Communication (The Story of Job)

You probably know who Job was. Even if you don't know much about the Bible, you've heard about the "patience of Job." Job was the guy who got a bad break. A *really* bad break. He was a good guy who had a lot of bad things happen to him. He's our symbol of bad things happening to good people.

Obviously, there is a lot we can learn from the book of Job about patience, suffering, courage, and faithfulness but what about communication? Other than some small sections of narrative at the beginning and end of the book, the majority of Job's 42 chapters are filled with discussions between Job and his friends, and Job and God.

Line to O _____

Have you ever thought about what we can learn from the reaction of his friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar? Job starts off by telling them that he wants to die:

Job 3:3-4 (ESV) "Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man is conceived.' Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it.

...and their response is not to comfort him, but to try to make sense

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"We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple. According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness."

out of what happened. They think they completely understand the situation, but in the end their misappraisal just made everything worse.

How do we as a church and individual Christians avoid this type of response and provide an environment where brothers and sisters share their struggles without fear of stigma, blame, or unfair judgment? How do we offer a place where they can find the comfort and encouragement they are looking for?

Line to G_____

What can we learn about Job’s continual cries to God, and God’s response in the final chapters? Maybe we read through the book and think that Job should have kept his mouth shut and never questioned God, but wouldn’t disconnecting from God have been the worst possible course of action? How can we use this example to guide our own communication with God when things are difficult in life?

Let’s explore these items during our time together this morning.

Sermon Notes

PRAYER LIST

- Sympathy to the family of **Freddie Brown** in his passing Thursday morning.
- **Isabel Johnson** will have a stem cell transplant tomorrow. Pray also for her sister **Grace**, the donor.
- **Ethan Pennington**, Tammy’s cousin, has a brain tumor
- **Tammy Reed** had cataract surgery Tuesday
- **Charlie Douglas** has stage 4 lung cancer
- **John Hayes** will have cataract surgery in May.
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, Ann Reed, and Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (February 13, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: L. Gregory
Prayer: R. Mayo

WORSHIP

Read: S. Shatto
Wait On Table: J. Walker
Serve: J. Demonbreun, D. Billingsley
Prayer: J. Baker