



Job 1-2 WHEN STORMS RAGE...

I. Clearing Away the Myths

- Myth 1 – If I'm a Christian, I W _____ ' H _____ any P _____.
- Myth 2 – Suffering means W _____ F _____.
- Myth 3 – The Bible gives E _____ A _____ to E _____ P _____.

Reality: Christians don't escape suffering - but G _____ W _____ W _____ us.

II. Job's Journey Through Grief (1:1-3, 1:13ff, 20a, 2:9-10)

- S _____ - Sat in silence (2:13).
- D _____ - Cursed his birth (3:1-5, 20-23, 7:11, 7:7, 19:9-10)
- N _____ - Longed for "the good old days" (29:1-6, 2)
- A _____ - Argued with God, but kept praying. (7:11, 9:14, 9:32)

Realize: These difficult stages overlap.

III. God's Response to Job

- He didn't give explanations, but perspective.
- The P _____: All blessings of life is grace.
- The F _____: The Giver (GOD) is trustworthy to provide tomorrow.
- Outcome: Job found new blessings and fresh hope.

IV. What About Us

- Be H _____ - feel what you feel.
- T _____ toward God, not away.
- T _____ the Giver - He has carried you before.
- Blessings often come as G _____, not possessions.



...REMEMBER LIFE'S "C'S" Mk.4:35-41

Mark 4:35-41 "On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

- #1 C** . Storms come, often suddenly. Remember who is in the boat.
- #2 C** . The cure, Anchor, Rock, is always present. (+Col.1:16-18, Jn. 1, 15.)
- #3 C** . "Peace! Be still!" His word calms the storm outside and inside.
- #4 C** . A great calm followed. Peace comes not from calm seas, but from Christ.

Their fear shifted from the power of the storm to the power of the Lord. Ensure that you "set sail with Jesus on board."

BONUS STUDY When the wave of sorrow sweeps over our souls,...

Key #1. Keep TRUSTING God. Psalm 139,

Key #2. Choose to stay Patient.

Key #3. Stay Active. John 14:1

Key #4. Stay Sensitive:

Key #5. Cherish Friendships.

Key #6. Wait on God for hope. Psalm 130:5

Key #7. Prepare for Eternity. (Full Notes available on entrance tables)

TODAY'S BONUS STUDY

Seven pieces of godly counsel

for when the wave of sorrow sweeps over our souls.

Key #1. Keep TRUSTING God. Avoid the frustrations that come from asking the questions that we can never know the answers to. Like David, in **Psalm 139**, trust that God is all-good & all-knowing, no matter what happens here.

Key #2. Choose to stay Patient. - Don't rush through your personal path of mourning. Yet, don't settle there either. If you keep moving forward, you will again find those brighter days.

Key #3. Stay Active. – Keep doing purposeful things, in a healthy, new routine, even if the feelings aren't yet there. *You may appreciate the biblical imagery and sentiment of this great poem.

→ Have you come to the Red Sea place in your heart? Where, despite all you can do, there is no way out, no turning back. There is no other way but through. - Then wait on the Lord, with trust serene, Till the night of fear is gone; He will *send the winds, *and keep[hold] the floods, when he says to your soul, Go on. As our Lord powerfully said, (John 14:1) "*Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me.*" All your good deeds done in the days ahead can bless you as the Lord has said.

Key #4. Stay Sensitive: Acknowledge your own feelings, and realize others are also hurting. Keep a compassionate heart that helps those in need.

Key #5. Cherish Friendships: - There will be times that it is best to be alone for a while, but we all need the blessings from Fellowship, among friends, family, & church family. Keep those doors open.

Key #6. Wait on God for hope. No matter physical address, your soul can dwell in the pleasant hope of the Lord, serving Him as (*Psalm 130:5*) teaches. That *if we keep doing what God would have us do*, He will *sustain us by His strength* & calm us with His peace.

& Key #7. Prepare for Eternity: Stay focused on the most important things in life. Ensure that your name is in the Lamb's book of Life, by being & living the Christ-Immersed Life.
