***Job 3***

***9 …“Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” 10 But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.* Job 2:9-10**

**We can truly and deeply love God for who He is and not just what He gives.**

***11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. 12 And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. 13 And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.* Job 2:11-13**

***When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.* Proverbs 10:19**

**The basic premise of all three friends is: Do what is right and things will go well for you; do what is wrong and God will send judgment.**

***“Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? 8 As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. 9 By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.* Job 4:7-9**

***“How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind?* Job 8:2**

**People like Bildad often use incomplete theology to make complete assumptions about life.**

***But oh, that God would speak and open his lips to you, 6 and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! Job 11:5-6***

**When we see someone else fail and it secretly brings our heart a little joy, we have a significant character issue.**

**We don’t know what God is trying to accomplish through pain so its better to be silent than to actually be working against God’s agenda.**

***Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak,* James 1:19**

**Empathy and sympathy require no knowledge. But what they do require is proximity.**