

GOD WORKS THROUGH PROBLEMS

Family Devotion — Lesson 26

MEMORY VERSE—JOB 23:10

“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

- Job was going through a great time of suffering. As you may recall, he lost everything but his life, and even that was stricken (Job 2:7). Job confessed two great truths that we need to remember when we go through problems:
 - 1) God knows what we are going through. — *“But he knoweth the way that I take.”*
 - 2) After we go through it we can come forth as gold (stronger and better). — *“When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”*
- Suffering is a part of life. It allows us to know God better and understand His working in a deeper way. *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death”* (Phil.3:10).
- It is not wrong to dislike times of suffering, but we must use it as an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and grow spiritually.
- If you can stay faithful to the Lord through times of suffering it will glorify the Lord. *“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ”* (1 Pet.1:7).



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Has there been a time in your life when you went through suffering? Did anything good come out of it?
- What do you think would have happened to Job if he turned against God in his suffering?
- What was the attitude of Jesus as He approached the suffering of the cross? (Hebrews 12:2)



PRAYER TIME

- Pray for the patience that Job had in suffering.
- Ask God to help you to be a good testimony when you face problems.
- Pray for someone who is going through suffering.



CHALLENGE

- The next time you face a problem, ask God to make you stronger and better because of it.