

## THE BOOK OF JOB

### JOB 14:13-17

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. **JOB 14.1:** “*Man who is born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble.*” This is how Job saw his life. (cf. Job 1.2; 7.20)
2. When life is difficult, hope gives us the patience to endure.

#### I. HOPELESSNESS IN THIS LIFE

- A. The context of Job 14.
  1. Job thought there was no redemption. (Job 13.23,26)
  2. Job thought there was no restoration. (Job 14.1,2; 42.10)
  3. Job thought there was no peace. (Job 7.16,19; 10.20)
- B. Job felt hopeless, but there was hope in the life to come.
  1. **JOB 14.13:** “*Oh, that You would hide me in the grave...*” If you die, you no longer have to suffer.
  2. **JOB 14.14:** “*If a man dies, shall he live again? ... I will wait, till my change comes.*” Hope in the resurrection.

#### II. HOPE IN THE LIFE TO COME

- A. Hope gives us patience to endure the hardships of life.
  1. **JOB 14.14:** “*All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes.*” Job was willing to endure.
  2. Job was known as a man of patience. (James 5.11)
  3. To remain under the pressure, look for the better things that are to come. (Heb. 10.36)
  4. **HEBREWS 6.18,19:** “*This hope we have as an anchor*”
- B. Hope develops from knowing we are forgiven.
  1. **JOB 14.16:** “*For now You number my steps*”
  2. **JOB 14.17:** “*You cover my iniquity*” (cf. Ps. 32.1)
  3. Not everyone has hope, because not everyone has been forgiven. (Eph. 2.11-13; 1 Tim. 1.1)
  4. A proper view of forgiveness. (Eph. 2.8,9; Rom. 6.1,2)

**CONCLUSION:** The hope of eternal life rests on the foundation of faith. Without faithful, there is no hope. (Heb. 11.1)

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-Mark 16.15

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#### MEETING TIMES:

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

## TWO THINGS I MUST DO TO FOLLOW JESUS

Are you totally committed to Christ? Are you so committed that you are willing to give up anything and do anything to be His disciple? In Luke 14.26,27, we learn that there are two things you and I must do to follow Jesus.

First, I must hate my family (Luke 14.26). Hate is a strong word. Jesus has always commanded that His disciples love. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22.39). So when Jesus said we must hate our family to follow Him, doesn't that seem inconsistent with His other teachings? The idea is not to literally hate, but to love them less than Jesus. Being a disciple means that I must love Him more than I love anyone else, even more than my own family.

Second, I must bear my cross (Luke 14.27). Jesus was about to carry His cross to Calvary. He tells His audience that if they want to be His disciples, they must carry their cross as He was about to carry His. When we have difficulties, we might say, “I have my cross to bear.” Carrying your cross is not about bearing a burden. It is the idea of sacrifice. Are you willing to give up your very life for the sake of Christ? Jesus expects no less.

**LUKE 14.27:** “*You cannot be my disciple*” I am to love Jesus more than anyone else. I am to be willing to sacrifice everything for Him. Only then can I be His disciple. CLP

## WHEN THE CHURCH IS HURTING

### LUKE 4:18

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Hardship and loss can bring a church to its knees, but Jesus offer relief for the brokenhearted. (Luke 4.18)
2. Consider some thoughts related the a hurting church.

#### I. THREE WORDS THAT CAPTURE TRAUMA

##### A. Division

1. **1 CORINTHIANS 1.10-13:** *“there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together”*
2. **1 CORINTHIANS 12.25:** *“no schism in the body”*
3. It is traumatic when there is division. (Ps. 133.1)

##### B. Death

1. Death is good for those who died. (Heb. 9.27; Rev. 14.13)
2. For us, death is traumatic. (Ruth 1.20; 2 Sam. 18.33)

##### C. Disappointment

1. We are humans who can be disappointing. (Heb. 3.13)
2. Peter and Barnabas disappointed Paul. (Gal. 2.11-13)

#### II. THREE WORDS THAT CAPTURE FEELINGS

##### A. Distance

1. **MARK 6.47:** *“the boat was in the middle of the sea”*
2. Trauma makes us feel like we have a long way to go.

##### B. Difficult

1. **MARK 6.48:** *“Then He saw them straining at rowing”*
2. Trauma makes us feel as if life is difficult.

##### C. Darkness

1. **MARK 6.48:** *“Now about the fourth watch of the night”*
2. Trauma takes our minds to a dark place.

#### III. THREE WORDS THAT CAPTURE HEALING

##### A. Available

1. **MARK 6.48:** *“He came to them”*
2. Jesus is always there when we need Him. (Heb. 2.17,18)

##### B. Unexpected

1. **MARK 6.48:** *“walking on the sea”*
2. Jesus helps is unexpected ways. (Heb. 1.14)

##### C. Peace (Mark 6.50,51; Heb. 13.20,21)

**CONCLUSION:** When the church is hurting, Jesus is there.

## JESUS: OUR DEPENDABLE SAVIOR

Dependability is a desirable and essential quality. Who doesn't want a spouse who is dependable? How are you ever going to feel safe if you can't count on the police to be there when you need them. A congregation needs to know that their preacher and eldership will be available to help them in their spiritual needs.

The Bible tells us that God is reliable. In Numbers 23, we are told that God does not lie. Then the question is asked rhetorically, *“Has God said, and will He not do?”* (Num. 23.19). God will never go back on His promises. He will never say one thing and do something else. Through the prophet Malachi, God said, *“For I am the Lord, I do not change”* (Mal. 3.6). Society and government will change their definition of right and wrong. Laws that condemned behavior decades ago now justify the same behavior to keep current with our evolving culture. But God does not change. We can depend on God's definition of good and evil as always remaining the same. God is dependable.

Jesus, who holds the same deistic and divine qualities of God (John 1.1; Heb. 1.1-3), is also One on whom we can depend. Hebrews 13.8 says that *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* In a context where some were questioning their faith, the writer reminds them that Jesus is dependable. He does not change. Jesus is the same Savior in whom they believed yesterday and will still be the same Savior forever. Just as God does not change, so Jesus does not change. He is dependable.

We can see the dependable nature of Jesus in His life. Jesus was always pure and righteous. You could always count on Jesus doing what was right. Even when Jesus came face to face with the devil himself (Matt. 4.1-11) and wrestled with His own desires (James 1.14), He never sinned (Heb. 4.15). Jesus was confronted by the religious leaders and challenged, but He never lowered spoke an unkind word. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to save Him (Matt. 26.53), but He instead submitted to the will of God (Matt. 26.54).

Right now, Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God serving as our High Priest. When you are struggling with sin and need an advocate, you can count of Jesus (1 John 2.1). When you need someone to speak to God on your behalf, you can count on Jesus who *“always lives to make intercession”* for us (Heb. 7.25). Jesus has always been there, is there for us now, and will always be there. CLP