

## **When it's hard to TRUST in God...**

When Noah sat a float for a year, When Joseph was sold by his brothers into slavery, When Moses was criticized by the very people he led out of slavery, When Abraham left everything behind, When Ruth and Naomi lived through the famine, When David's kingdom was overthrown by his own son, When Jerimiah was thrown into the well, When Elijah was hunted down, When Paul was shipwrecked, imprisoned, lowered in a basket and bit by a snake, When John was exiled on the island of Patmos, When John the Baptist was thrown into prison, When Stephen was stoned...

NONE of these people deserved this trouble, they did NOT bring it on themselves - - - but... **THEY TRUSTED IN GOD** and continued in faith!

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1 Peter 1:6,7 –

1 Peter 2:19,20 -

1 Peter 3:14 –

1 Peter 4:12,13 -

1 Peter 5:10 –

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Job lost his sheep, camels, servants, children, business, livelihood, health,

Job 1:20 - When Job heard this, he tore his clothes and shaved his head because of his great sorrow. He knelt on the ground, then worshiped God <sup>21</sup> and said: “We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death.

The LORD alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the LORD!” <sup>22</sup> In spite of everything, Job did not sin or accuse God of doing wrong.

Job 13:15 - <sup>15</sup> **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:**

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Psalm 137 - By the rivers of Babylon we sat down; there we wept when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> On the willows near by we hung up our harps. <sup>3</sup> Those who captured us told us to sing; they told us to entertain them: “Sing us a song about Zion.”

<sup>4</sup> How can we sing a song to the LORD in a foreign land? <sup>5</sup> May I never be able to play the harp again if I forget you, Jerusalem! <sup>6</sup> May I never be able to sing again if I do not remember you, if I do not think of you as my greatest joy!

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John 6 - <sup>60</sup> Many of his followers heard this and said, **“This teaching is too hard. Who can listen to it?”**

<sup>61</sup> Without being told, Jesus knew that they were grumbling about this, so he said to them, “Does this make you want to give up?....” (Jesus knew from the very beginning who were the ones that would not believe and which one would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he added, “This is the very reason I told you that no people can come to me unless the Father makes it possible for them to do so.”

<sup>66</sup> Because of this, many of Jesus' followers turned back and would not go with him any more. <sup>67</sup> So he asked the twelve disciples, **“And you—would you also like to leave?”** <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. <sup>69</sup> And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God.”

2 Cor 4:17 –

Job 1:21 –

2 Tim 3:12 –

Isa 43:2 –

James 1:12 –

Psalm 119:71 –