

Job

Why Me?



WHERE FRIENDS

FAIL

Where friends fail,
God remains faithful

¹ Then Job replied: ² “Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. ³ If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! ⁴ I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

Job 23:1-4,8,9

⁸ “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. ⁹ When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. ¹⁰ But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Job 23:1-4,8,9

**I) LISTEN, HEAR AND
DISCERN**

How to Listen: Position yourself
How to Hear: Discipline yourself
How to Discern: Remove yourself

Position yourself to **listen**, discipline yourself to **hear** and remove yourself so you can **discern** the voice of God over the noise of this world

2) WORDS MATTER

¹ “My eyes have seen all this, my ears have heard and understood it. ² What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you. ³ But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God. ⁴ You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you! ⁵ If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom.”

Job 13:1-5

³ But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God.

Job 13:3

¹² “Your recollections are worthless proverbs.
Your answers are absolutely useless. ¹³ Be quiet,
because I want to speak.”

Job 13:12-13

²⁰ “Only grant me these two things, God...”

Job 13:20

¹⁵ You will call and I will answer you; you will long for the creature your hands have made. ¹⁶ Surely then you will count my steps but not keep track of my sin.

Job 14:15-16

3) FRIENDS FAIL,

SEEK

RECONCILIATION

Eliphaz (ch. 15)
Bildad (ch. 18)
Zophar (ch. 20)
Elihu (ch. 32-37)

² “But Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, became very angry with Job for justifying himself rather than God. ³ He was also angry with the three friends, because they had found no way to refute Job, and yet had condemned him. ⁴ Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because they were all older than he.

Job 32:2-12

⁵ But when he saw that the three men could not answer Job, he became angry.” ⁶ So Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite said: “I am young in years, and you are old; that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. ⁷ I thought, ‘Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.’ ⁸ But it is the spirit in a person,

Job 32:2-12

the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.⁹ It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right.¹⁰ “Therefore I say: Listen to me; I too will tell you what I know.¹¹ I waited while you spoke, I listened to your reasoning; while you were searching for words,

Job 32:2-12

¹² I gave you my full attention. But not one of you has proved Job wrong; none of you has answered his arguments.”

Job 32:2-12

“Please listen to me!
Pay attention to my plea!”

Job 13:6; 13:12-13; 16:2-3; 19:2-7; 21:2-3

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