

# TALK IT OVER

## *the whole story: Part 4* Relief Before Restoration

### Key Scriptures

#### **Job 42:1-6**

Then Job replied to the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. 4 'You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' 5 My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. 6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

**Acts 5:41-42** The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

#### **Acts 8 (whole account of Stephen)**

**John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

**John 14:31** but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

**Matthew 26:39** And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

**2 Samuel 6:14-15 & 21** (if possible take time to read the whole account).

<sup>14</sup> Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, <sup>15</sup> while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

<sup>21</sup> David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord

12 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. 13 And he also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. 15 Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

16 After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. 17 And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Describe what a meaningful (or deep) expression of worship (in church) looks like for you.
- What different kinds of worship have you experienced in churches?

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Why do you think it is so easy to get bent out of shape over different styles of worship? How can being "too picky" about preference hinder people from experiencing deeper worship?
- Read Job 42:1-6 to answer the following:
  - What can a person learn about reverence for God from Job's interaction with Him?
  - What observations can be made about Job's repentance in this situation?
- Recall Pastor Jeff's story about the martyr Ivan along with the over-arching story of Job. What can we learn about finding relief through deeper worship before receiving restoration from these and other historical examples?

**Start Sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- How can you experience deeper worship both at church and at home? What contributes to times in life where you've experienced less deep worship?
- It appears that Job is shown to be "situationally innocent," and also "soulfully sinful," by his interaction with God. Explain what that means. Hint: despite God claiming job was not guilty of the accusations made against him, Job still found himself in a state of repentance.
- How can the former help you develop a distaste for sin and embrace repentance in your life?

**Start Praying.** Pray this prayer in your own words over the person next to you!

*Father, You are worthy of all praise! And so, we praise you! We praise you! We praise You! Increase the praise in our hearts, please. Instill in us an ever-growing desire to speak, sing, and even dance out praises to you! Deepen our worship, Lord our God! In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take one small step toward deeper worship this week. Do not just show up to church, ready to react to what happens. Pre-plan to be worshipful regardless. Find ways to work a reminder to yourself to have a similar attitude in each and every day.

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**Job 42:7-17**

7 After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. 8 So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. 11 All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver<sup>[a]</sup> and a gold ring.