

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend ten minutes discussing this week's talk. What was the one thing that stood out to you?
2. How open are you with God (on a scale from 1-10: 1 being closed off and 10 being transparent)? Why do you think this is and what might keep you from being open with God?
3. Read Psalm 13, Exodus 33:12-17, and Jeremiah 20:7-13. How were the people in these verses open with God, and what did they say or do? How does this encourage you?
4. How can we fight bitterness and keep it from taking root in our hearts? Read Job 5:11, 10:12, 23:10, 23:14, 31:4, and 43:13. What did Job remember as he fought bitterness?
5. There will be loss and the unexpected in life. Why is it especially important that we have others who are connected to God to help us? What can we be doing now to prepare in this area?
6. What is involved in releasing your future to God? How does this specifically look in your own life and what areas are you holding back?
7. What are one or two things you can do to grow in one of the areas discussed in the talk? 1) Open up to God completely, 2) Vigorously fight bitterness, 3) Enlist others connected with God to help you, and 4) Release your future to God.

Action Step:

Take some time at the beginning of the week to think about how much you trust God with your future. This could be anything, like your health, job/role, relationships, family finances, or something else. Write down the area you have the most difficult time trusting Him. Is there a reason you are struggling in trusting Him in certain areas? As you spend time with God this week, be open with Him, and talk about these areas and why you may be struggling with them.



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When There is No Do-Over

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

Job was the wealthiest man in the world, but on a single day, he literally lost everything.

Everything went wrong in his life.

"But when I hoped for good, trouble came instead. When I looked for light, darkness came. I constantly feel upset. And my suffering has only just begun."

Job 30:26-27 ERV

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:8 NIV

Here are four things we learn when Job's life fell apart, and he needed a major do-over.

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O - _____ up to God completely.

Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.

Job 1:20 NLT

- _____: "What have I lost?"
- _____: "Why did this happen to me? Why is this happening?"
- _____: "What's going on here? How did this happen? I can't believe it!"
- _____: "What's going to happen now?"

"No! I can't be quiet! I am angry and bitter. I have to speak!"
Job 7:11 GNT

Arise, cry out in the night from the first watch of the night. Pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord.
Lamentations 2:19 BSB

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"
Psalm 116:3-4 NIV

What emotions are you not opening to God?

V - _____ fight bitterness.

"I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, "and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." In all of this Job did not sin or revile God.
Job 1:21-22 TLB

God will never stop loving me.	Job 10:12
God has a plan for my life.	Job 23:14
God cares about every detail of my life.	Job 23:10, 31-4
God is in control of things I don't understand.	Job 43:13
God will protect me.	Job 5:11

Even though the fig leaves have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty I'll still be joyful and glad because the LORD God is my Savior.
Habakkuk 3:17-18 GNT

E - _____ others connected with God to help.

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.
Hebrews 12:15 NLT

"Job, don't let your anger and the pain you endured make you sneer at God. Reputation and riches can't protect you from distress, nor can you find safety in the dark world below. Don't turn to evil as a way of escape. God's power is unlimited. Others have praised God for what He has done, so join with them."
Job 36:18-24 CEV

1. First, never use _____ to escape pain.
2. Increase the amount of _____ you spend hanging out with God's people.

R - _____ your future to God.

His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die." But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

Job 29:10 NLT

"I will continue to trust God even if he kills me. But I will defend myself to his face."

Job 13:15 ERV

"People who don't know God are always worrying."
Matthew 6:32 CEV

"I have said all these things to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble: but take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 BBE

The Do-Over

And the Lord prospered Job: and when he prayed also for his friends, he forgave them their sin: and the Lord gave Job twice as much, even the double of what he had before.

Job 42:10 BST