

# “Pain, Death and Suffering: Job’s Restoration”

Job 42: 7-17

# (Introduction) YouTube video

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# I. Job's Confession (vv. 1-6)

What does Job repent of?

1. Job repented of the curse he had pronounced upon the day of his birth.
2. Job repented of his desire for his life to cease.
3. Job repented of his complaints against and challenges to God.
4. Job repented of his despair.
5. Job repented of his words, he acknowledges that he spoke beyond his knowledge and ability to know.

## II. Job's Restoration (vv.7-17)

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- \* 2. Job restores his relationships (vv. 10-11)
- \* 3. Job's possessions are doubled (vv. 12-17)

# Pop quiz on Genuine Relationships/Friendships:

1. When things go sour and you really feel lousy, do you have a friend you can tell? Yes  No

2. Do you have a friend you can express any honest thoughts to without fear of appearing foolish? Yes  No

3. Do you have a friend who lets you talk out your real problem without giving you advice? That would just be a sounding board? Yes  No

4. Will your friend risk your disapproval to suggest you may be getting off track and your priorities?

Yes  No

5. Do you have a friend who will take the rest to tell you that you were sending? Are using for judgment?

Yes  No

# Pop quiz on Genuine Relationships/Friendships:

6. If you had a moral failure, do you know that your friend would stand with you? Yes  No

7. Is there a friend with whom you feel you are facing life together, a friend to talk over the struggles of life which are unique to you? Yes  No

8. Do you have a friend you believe you can trust, that if you share confidential thoughts they will stay confidential? Yes  No

9. When you are vulnerable and transparent with your friend, are you convinced he/she will not think less of you?

Yes  No

10. Do you meet for the friend weekly or biweekly for fellowship and prayer, and possibly accountability? Yes  No

# Six qualities in Jonathan that challenge our role in 'friendships' (1 Sam. 18-20):

1. Jonathan nurtured a spiritual bond.
2. Jonathan showed sacrificial love.
3. Jonathan always offered encouragement.
4. Jonathan offered his friend protection.
5. Jonathan kept his friend's pain confidential.
6. Jonathan harbored no jealousy.

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# Takeaways from Chapter 42:

## When God does His work among His people:

1. God's people are convicted of their sin ('I abhor myself')
2. God's people are broken and repentant ('repent in dust and ashes')
3. God speaks to hard hearts and they heed ('the LORD said to Eliphaz')
4. God's people pray for others and God answers ('Job shall pray for you')
5. God's people obey God ('Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar went and did as the Lord commanded them')
6. God's people are united and jubilant ('all his brothers, all his sisters came to him and ate food with him in his house')
7. God's people are blessed ('the LORD blessed')

# Conclusion: Obedience in suffering

Joni Eareckson Tada: Obedience in Suffering



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# Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean for you to be ‘obedient in your suffering’?
2. Do you have ‘a friend who sticks closer than a brother’ in your time of need?
3. What are the lessons you’ve learned through this series on ‘Pain, Suffering & Death’ ?
4. How can you be of encouragement to those people in your life who are ‘suffering’ this holiday season?