



Hope of Spring



The Court Room

Oh that I knew where I could find Him that I might come to His seat. I would present my case before Him and fill my mouth with arguments! Job 23:3,4

I have mentioned not comparing our grief and loss with others, but come on, moms, Job did have it worse! He lost 10 kids, his health, his business, his house, his reputation, and many friends. His not-so-supportive spouse told him to "curse God and die!" He never got a preview of Job chapters 1 & 2 to know the "why" behind his story like we do.

The book of Job is not about him losing everything and then get-ting all his "stuff" back. Rather it is about Job's views and expec-tations of God and how drastically they were altered through his grief journey.

Job asked more than 19 "why" questions. Job 23 is one of my very favorite grief sections. Read it, ladies. He's just like us! It refers to his lack of energy (verse 2), even to the point of an ina-bility to raise his hand. Then he describes how, if he could go to court with God he would have some very good arguments. They would be so good that God would take note of them (verse 4- 6) and deliver him from his darkness.

I, too, have such good arguments. Just, strong arguments that make total sense as to why God shouldn't have allowed my son to die. But Job cannot find God, to reason with the judge. He goes forward, backward, right and left, but he cannot see Him. Des-perate, spinning, lost, God is silent. (Been there?)

After all this craziness and human reasoning, I love, love his ver-dict. Verse 10: "But He knows the way I take; when He has tested me I shall come forth as gold!" Although Job is not seeing God, he knows that God is seeing him and that the end of his story is go-ing to be good.

In Job 40:4 Job finally puts his hand over his mouth and quits asking "why" and acknowledges "Whom." There are dimensions and prisms of God's character that will never be seen in the fra-grant flower fields of life. After all, all sunshine makes a desert!

Job knew, like James, that trials produce endurance and endur-ance produces character. He understood that God is God, and we are not. Simple but profound!



Job 42 was Job's last chapter. The Lord blessed the latter days more than his beginning.

By the end of his life he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, 1,000 donkeys, (doesn't really sound like a blessing to me!) but hey, 7 sons and 3 beautiful daughters. He lived 140 years and saw his children and grandchildren for 4 generations.

So Job died, old and full of days.

We do not know our "last chapter." Envision yourself entering God's Courtroom. State your case to God. He loves honesty and invites us into the courtroom.

Come boldly to the throne of grace that we might obtain mercy and grace to help in the time of need! Hebrews 4:16

Read Job's conclusion. (Job 42:1-6)

