

“Testing + Valley + Encounter = Restoration!”



...⁶ One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. ⁷ “Where have you come from?” the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.” ⁸ Then the LORD asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.” ⁹ Satan replied to the LORD, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. ¹⁰ You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! ¹¹ But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!” ¹² “All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the LORD’s presence. Job 1:1–12 (NLT)

- With every test we face, life keeps reminding us that **EVERYTHING is out of our control**, **we don’t understand it, can’t stop it** and **can’t fix it!**

- God allows tests in OUR lives that **expose/show ALL of our inner-character deficits**, which (if left unchecked) can often lead us into the valley of despair!

⁴ Satan replied to the LORD, “Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. ⁵ But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!” ⁶ “All right, do with him as you please,” the LORD said to Satan. “But spare his life.” ⁷ So Satan left the LORD’s presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot. ⁸ Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. ⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”... Job 2:4–10 (NLT)

- Even when we are already in the **valley of despair**, life keeps trying to take away the four-letter word we are **constantly grasping for ...HOPE!**

¹ At last Job spoke, and he cursed the day of his birth. ² He said: ³ “Let the day of my birth be erased, and the night I was conceived. ⁴ Let that day be turned to darkness. Let it be lost even to God on high, and let no light shine on it. ⁵ Let the darkness and utter gloom claim that day for its own...” Job 3:1–26 (NLT)

Question: Where are you at today: experiencing a test or are you in the valley?

- While you are in the valley, you will experience various encounters
...**some will be good** and **pleasant**;
others... **not what you would expect!**

¹ Then Bildad the Shuhite replied to Job: ² “How long will you go on like this? You sound like a blustering wind. ³ Does God twist justice? Does the Almighty twist what is right? ⁴ Your children must have sinned against him, so their punishment was well deserved. ⁵ But if you pray to God and seek the favor of the Almighty, ⁶ and if you are pure and live with integrity, he will surely rise up and restore your happy home. ⁷ And though you started with little, you will end with much. Job 8:1–7 (NLT)

Question: Where is God when you are in those dark valley moments?
...in the **place he has always been: WATCHING**,
LISTENING and **WORKING** on your behalf!

- We ALL need a **God-encounter** that will bring **HEALING and change** to everything life has to offer, starting with **our MIND + HEART + SOUL = RESTORING!!!**

¹ Then the LORD said to Job, ² “Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?” ³ Then Job replied to the LORD, ⁴ “I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. ⁵ I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.” Job 40:1–5 (NLT)

¹ Then Job replied to the LORD: ² “I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you...” ⁵ I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶ I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.” ...¹⁰ When Job prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before! ¹¹ Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the LORD had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money and a gold ring. ¹² So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. Job 42: 1–17 (NLT)

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