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With Friends Like These...

Job 3–37



The comforting ministry of presence (Job 2:11–13)

Now when Job's three friends—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite—heard about all this adversity that had happened to him, each of them came from his home. They met together to go and sympathize with him and comfort him....

Then they sat on the ground with him seven days and nights, but no one spoke a word to him because they saw that his suffering was very intense.

[Job 2:11, 13]



The discomfoting ministry of nonsense (Job 4–37)

- Round and round they go
- Danger! One-dimensional thinking ahead

Consider: Who has perished when he was innocent?

Where have the honest been destroyed?

*In my experience, those who plow injustice
and those who sow trouble reap the same.*

*They perish at a single blast from God
and come to an end by the breath of his nostrils.*

[Job 4:7–9]



The discomfoting ministry of nonsense (Job 4–37)

- Even if it doesn't fit, wear it

*But if you earnestly seek God
and ask the Almighty for mercy,
if you are pure and upright,
then he will move even now on your behalf
and restore the home where your righteousness dwells. [Job 8:5–6]*

*As for you, if you redirect your heart
and spread out your hands to him in prayer—
if there is iniquity in your hand, remove it,
and don't allow injustice to dwell in your tents... [Job 11:13–14]*



The discomfoting ministry of nonsense (Job 4–37)

- Even if it doesn't fit, wear it
- It sounds so right! But...

*You will approach the grave in full vigor,
as a stack of sheaves is gathered in its season.
We have investigated this, and it is true!
Hear it and understand it for yourself. [Job 5:26–27]*

*What do you know that we don't?
What do you understand that is not clear to us?
Both the gray-haired and the elderly are with us—
older than your father. [Job 15:9–10]*



*No doubt you are the people,
and wisdom will die with you!*
[Job 12:2]

*If only you would shut up
and let that be your wisdom!*
[Job 13:5]



The comforting ministry of good sense

- Presence...silence...listening

- Leave room for

- mystery

- wisdom

Where then does wisdom come from, and where is understanding located? It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing and concealed from the birds of the sky. [Job 28:20–21]

- God



*Consider: Who has perished when he was innocent?
Where have the honest been destroyed?*
[Job 4:7]



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