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*Sweeter
than
Honey*

Proverbs 16:24

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SESSION 3

SWEETER than Honey! TRUTHS TRIUMPHANT TESTIMONY

Patient	God
Eyes	All
Stablished	Silent
Heart	Vile
Grumbler	Foolishly
Mind	Lifting
Blessed	Evil
Ears	Mouth
Admonished	Humble
Words	Abnor
Words	Description
Good	Design
Purpose	Wise
Praise	Joy
Thank	True
Know	Direction
Not	Sin
Name	Dependence
	Words
	Mouth
	Love

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ANSWER KEY

SESSION 1

SO VERY SWEET . . . TREASURED TRIALS TOLD

Message	Truthful
Phrase	Restraints
Statement	Answers
Idea	First
Back	Kind
Ahead	Off
Up	On
Jehovah God	Off
Discord	On
Proud	Off
Harsh	On
Gossip	
Curses	

PROGRAM

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	-----	Registration, coffee, book rooms, & light breakfast
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	-----	Greeting, prayer, & song
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	-----	Session #1
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	-----	Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	-----	Announcements/Songs
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	-----	Session #2
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	-----	Lunch
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	-----	Fun Time
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	-----	Session #3

SESSION 2

NOT So Sweet! TELLING TWISTED TALES

God	Patient
Curse	Approved
Men	Offense
Blessings	Devilish
Cursing	Slander
Ought Not	Quench
Sweet	Agree
Bitter	Confess
Love	Restoration
Words	All
Lips	Without
Speak	Direction
Mouth	Humbled
Disunity	Obedient
Wisdom	Not
Jealous	Me
Brag	Humble
Rude	Submission
Self Centered	Humility
	Mind

Now, the Good News!

The Promise - JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 1:21 - "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people **from their sins.**"

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8 - "But God commendeth (demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**"

Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

Romans 10:13 - "For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved** (rescued, delivered)."

The good news is actually great news! Jesus Christ (God himself in the flesh) came to this earth as a baby, born of a virgin, raised among us, yet without sin, and willingly died on the cross for my sins . . . your sins . . . The sins of the entire world. Why? Because God is holy and righteous and sin must be punished. Sin must be paid for. Therefore, Jesus Christ gave himself, became sin for us, and paid the penalty (death), took the punishment, and sacrificed himself for us out of love. And God was satisfied. The price had been paid and salvation was now available to all people! But salvation cannot be earned or worked for . . . It must be received as a free gift from a loving God. It must be received by faith as I turn from my sin (repentance), acknowledge my guilt, and place all of my dependence on Jesus Christ alone. Will you do that today?

John 5:24 - " . . . He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Ephesians 2:8 - "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God.**"

Please see Mrs. Boyer or Mrs. Cremard if you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior today. They will be thrilled and glad to answer any questions you may have!

May the Words

Words and Music by Shane Kollmeyer

Let the words of my mouth be pleas - ing un - to Thee

May my thoughts be pure in thy sight. Help the

words of my mouth and thoughts with - in my mind.

Be ev - er al - ways yield - ed to Thee.

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Mary Brown

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1. It may not be on the mountain's height, Or o - ver the storm - y sea;
 2. Per - haps to - day there are lov - ing words Which Jesus would have me speak;
 3. There's surely somewhere a low - ly place In earth's harvest-fields so wide,

It may not be at the bat - tle's front My Lord will have need of me;
 There may be now, in the paths of sin, Some wand'r'er whom I should seek.
 Where I may la - bor thro' life's short day For Je - sus, the Cru - ci - fied.

But if by a still, small voice He calls To paths I do not know,
 O Sav - ior, if Thou wilt be my Guide, Tho' dark and rug - ged the way,
 So, trust - ing my all un - to Thy care, I know Thou lov - est me!

I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, I'll go where you want me to go.
 My voice shall ech - o the mes - sage sweet, I'll say what you want me to say.
 I'll do Thy will with a heart sin - cere, I'll be what you want me to be.

REFRAIN

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, O'er mountain, or plain, or sea;

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be.

First, the Bad News . . .

The Problem - SIN

Psalms 51:5 - "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Romans 3:10 - "... there is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

God is holy and without sin. God is so holy and pure that He cannot even look at sin or be in the presence of sin. God's dwelling place (heaven) is also pure and without sin. God has declared that no sin will or can enter heaven. How then can I, a sinner, have a personal relationship with God, and go to heaven one day?

The Penalty - Death & Separation from God Forever

Romans 5:12 - "... death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death . . ."

Hebrews 9:27 - "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Revelation 20:15 - "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 21:27 - "And there shall in no wise enter into it (heaven) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie . . ."

The wages (or earnings) of sin is death. No sin or sinner can enter God's dwelling place (heaven) or even hope of having a personal relationship with Him. God is not only holy, but He is also just and righteous. Sin must be punished and a penalty must be paid. No fellow sinner can forgive my sins or take my sins away. No amount of good works or deeds can remove my sins. What shall I do!?

Ephesians 2:9 - "Not of works, lest any man should boast."

How can prayer change us and change the outcome of our experiences? James 5:16

13. Job's Death - Job 42:16-17

14. APPLICATION - From Job's life, how has the Lord AWAKENED me to understand myself? my friends? the LORD?

Proverbs 16:24

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sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.



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SESSION 1

SO VERY SWEET . . . TREASURED TRIALS TOLD

Though many Old Testament characters experienced deep trials, Job requested God that his WORDS would be penned. **Job 19:23**, "Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book!" God honored his request, thus, the Book of Job comprises of 42 chapters in the Word of God. Twenty of the 42 chapters are only Job's spoken words.

The first words that Job spoke are found in Job 1:21.

"Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job's History

The Seminar theme is centered on the topic of WORDS and the Book of Job is centered on WORDS: The Words of God, the Words of Job, the Words of Satan, The Words of Job's Wife, The Words of Job's Friends. We will see WHO has the last Word!

The term "**Words**" is defined as the style of verbal expression that
conveys a _____
formulates into a _____
utterance of a _____
expression of an _____

Before Job spoke any WORDS in the Book of Job, he had experienced the most devastating trial he had ever experienced and he did not know WHY but He knew God.

1. JOB 1:6-8 Job's First Trial

The Scene is in heaven: The LORD is seated and His created angelic beings come to stand before Him. **Verse 6**, ". . . and Satan came also among them".

Job's reaction as a godly man, he fell to the ground to worship the LORD with the WORDS, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

First, Job Looked

Second, Job Looked

Third, Job Looked

The Word "LORD" means:

2. JOB 2:1-3 Jobs Second Trial

Job's second test resulted in the loss of his health. Satan smote Job with "sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." A spiritual struggle was going on to decide the question, "Is the Almighty God worthy of man's exclusive worship?"

Job's Wife's Words - Job 2:9

Job's Words in Reply - Job 2:10

In the Book of Proverbs, the LORD reveals what are the WORDS of the foolish woman and what are the WORDS of the wise woman.

Foolish Words according to Proverbs:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1:10 Enticing | 15:28 Pours out evil/dishonest |
| 2:10 Froward = Rebellious | 16:28 Whisper = _____/causes
strife |
| 2:16 Flattering to Manipulate | 17:20 Perverse = Obstinate to
do wrong |
| 6:19 Lies; Sows _____ | 18:6 Contentious=Faultfinding/
Attacking |
| 7:11 Loud | 18:8 Talebearer = Gossips to
wound |
| 9:13 Clamorous = Boisterous | 19:28 Scorner |
| 10:8 Babbling/ 18 Slanderous | 20:3 Meddler = _____ |
| 10:19 Multitude of Words | 20:14 Boastful |
| 11:13 Reveals Secrets | 20:20 _____ Parents |
| 12:17-19 Deceitful; Cuts; Wounds | 21:6 Lying to get things/ Hypo-
critical |
| 14:3 _____ | 21:9,19 Brawling = Argues/
Disputes |

Note Job's Character in Job 2:9-10

7. Job's Accomplishments:

8. Job's Influence on Others from Job 29: _____

How were Job's Friends influencing him - Job 16:20-21: _____

9. Job's Shortcomings:

10. Job's Repentance to God - Job 40:1-5; 42:1-6 - Define the words vile and abhor:

What was Job's reactions in these verses:

11. What words did God repeat to Job's friends in Job 42:7-8?

12. Job was Restored and Rewarded - Job 42:10-15 - What did he do to obey the Lord?

A Biographical Study on Job

A Biographical Study deals with a particular person's life. Throughout God's Word there are portraits of prominent and obscure characters. Most prominent character are named, while other characters remain nameless.

Verse to Meditate On as consider the character of Job: Proverbs 9:8-10.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man and he will yet be wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

A Biographical Study on Job

1. Read all Passages on Job's life from these Concordance verses: Job chapters 1-3; 6:1-4; 9:1-4; 10:1-17; 12:1-4; 13:13-23; 16:1-8; 19-22; 17:10-16; 19:1-5; 21-29; 21:1-5; 23:1-17; 26:1-4; 27: 1-6; 28:23-28; 29:1-2; 31:1-6, 40; 38:1-3; 40:1-10; 42:1-17, Ezekiel 14:12-23; James 5:7-11

2. Meaning of Job's Name:

3. Job's Family Connection:

4. Historical Background of the Time and Place Job lived:

5. Job's Spiritual Life:

6. Job's Character Traits:

15:1 _____ - Grievous

25:23 Backbiting Tongue

Wise Words according to Proverbs:

5:2 Knowledgeable

8:6-8 _____ & Righteous

8:9 Plain

10:11-12 Life Giving

10:13-14 Speaks Wisdom

10:19 Refrains - _____ Words

We have all heard the phrase "Think before you speak."

10:20 Valuable - Gossip is NEVER of any value!

10:32 Acceptable

Are your words welcoming? gracious? patient? Do your words build up or tear down? Do your words encourage or discourage?

11:12 Holds her Tongue

Do you hold your tongue from speaking when you are discontent? When you are critical? When you are irritated? When you are grumpy?

15:1 Soft _____

What happens when you are angry or when another is angry at you? Do you plan on reacting with a soft and loving word?

15:28 Considers How to Answer

16:24 Pleasant Words

Are your words cheerful? friendly? pleasing? agreeable? polite? Whatever happened to manners that speak the words: "Thank you" "Please may I be excused" "Pardon me please" "May I help you" "You are welcomed". "If you use these words, you will sweeten someone day "SWEETER THAN HONEY"!

18:13 Cautious - Listens _____

25:11 Timely & Fitting Words

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Fitting words are precious and pleasing to the listener, and to the one who spoke them.

25:15 Gentle Answer

Are your answers calm? honest? hopeful? Are you answers given in the spirit of meekness and tenderness?

31:26 _____ Words

Do your words offer help to the needy? food to the hungry? love to the fatherless? Do you speak words "I am sorry, Please forgive me" to your family and friends?

**“Words originate in our heart, and reveal our hearts condition.”
Matthew 12:34-35**

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

The Principle of Exchange is the answer to the change we so desperately need. Ephesians 4:22-24, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

PRINCIPLE OF EXCHANGE

PUT _____ Angry Words - PUT _____ Appreciation

PUT _____ Bitter Words - PUT _____ Benevolence

PUT _____ Contentious Words - PUT _____ Consideration

“What has the mirror of God’s Word revealed to ME about MY words?”

The Book of Job ends with “Happily Ever After.” Just the kind of ending we like!

A TREASURE: JOURNALING YOUR JOURNEY

The hinderance to journaling is that one thinks they MUST do it daily. That is not true! A journal is for YOU! There is NO right or wrong way to journal. I journal as a mean of recording what God is doing in my life, but on the days I don’t journal does NOT mean He is not working . . . for we know the LORD is always and daily working in our life.

1. Always date your entry.
2. Journal medical history, then on-going medical procedures, ordering medication and who you talked to add briefly what they said.

18. I think before I speak _____
19. I do speak respectfully to those in authority over me _____
20. I do not speak harshly to those whom I am over _____
21. I use my tongue to edify others with God’s Word to encourage _____
22. I use my tongue to speak the Gospel message _____
23. I am “slow to speak” and am silent when appropriate _____
24. I know what it is to speak words of grace _____
25. I am careful not to nag _____
26. I do not explode or shout _____
27. I do not use abusive words _____
28. I do not complain or grumble _____
29. I do not shift blame to another when I am guilty _____
30. I do not nitpick and find fault _____
31. I do not make excuses _____
32. I ask the Lord for wisdom to know when to take a stand for righteousness _____
31. I check my heart so I do not speak in bitterness or anger _____
32. I speak words of love to my family daily _____

RATE YOUR WORDS

Do I speak as a wise woman or a foolish woman?

Rate Yourself on a scale of 1-5:

1=very weak; **2**=weak; **3**=fair; **4**=good; **5**=excellent

1. I do not lie or exaggerate _____
2. I am evasive or deceitful _____
3. I never flatter _____
4. I do not gossip _____
5. I do not speak deceitfully _____
6. I do not practice foolish jesting _____
7. I am able to constructively discuss a problem I am angry about _____
8. I am not disrespectful to someone who may be wrong _____
9. I am able to receive rebuke and correction _____
10. I do not use God's name in vain _____
11. I am kind and do not say things to hurt others _____
12. I only say things when in conflict that focus on the problem _____
13. I do not speak out emotionally when ignored, attacked, or frustrated _____
14. I do not backbite or slander _____
15. I do not boast _____
16. I do not curse _____
17. I talk to God in prayer every day _____

3. Journal what blesses and uplifts your heart: A Scripture verse or passage or word study you did; A word from a friend; A devotion you read; Words from a book you are reading; A thought from the preaching of the Word; A marvel of God's Creation beauty; A Song that has encouraged your heart.

4. Journal how you feel on good days and bad days. On the good days elaborate and bad days briefly explain. If on a bad day, the Lord gives you something that uplifts your eyes to Him, write it down . . . it is always a wonderful reminder just when we need it the most!

5. Journal your thoughts. Our thinking is not always RIGHT thinking. Journaling has helped me see the errors of my thinking and often led me to do a Bible study to correct my thinking to look to the LORD for hope in discouragement. Often journaling our thoughts can help us evaluate what is True and what is False. Remember the Bible is our authority to right thinking.

6. Journal words of PRAISE to the LORD . . . words of gratitude and thanksgiving. Keeping a daily journal to say "Thank You" to the Lord is a help to keep our hearts and minds focused on Him.

7. Journal your prayers . . . your hearts cry to the LORD for yourself and for others.

Allow Journaling to be a blessing to you, NOT a burden. Journaling is to Not be stressful, but can be strengthening in our faith walk and relationships. Journaling can help us in our life's journey to keep our focus on the LORD.

31 WAYS to Praise A Child

*You are so special.
I love you.
You are a great listener.
Thank you for helping.
Well Done
Fantastic Job
I love to see God use you.
Remarkable job
Your smile brightens my day.
Great Discovery
You are important
Could not be better
I love talking with you.
You are a real Trooper
Awesome
You are so kind
I knew you could do it
You figured it out
Creative Job
You are a good friend
Your thoughtfulness mattered
Excellent
Good decision
What an imagination
You are catching on
Way to go
Outstanding
You are a blessing
You are growing up
You are a joy
That's the best*

31 WAYS to Say “I Love You” to Your Husband

I appreciate you.
You are a blessing to me.
I cherish you.
I love being with you.
I can't stop thinking about you.
I'm yours.
God made you just right.
I value your love.
You are my best friend.
You are so dear to my heart.
You bring joy to my life.
You complete me.
You take such good care of me.
I'm thankful for you.
I pray for you.
I'm blessed to be your wife.
I love our time together.
You are so thoughtful.
I need your leadership.
You make our home better.
You are the best.
I love the way you love me.
Thank you for your love.
Thank you for being my leader.
You are a good listener.
You make me happy.
I love laughing with you.
I love your kisses.
Your hugs are just what I need.
I'm so glad I married you.
I love being alone just with you.

WORDS MATTER IN YOUR HOME!

Proverbs 16:24

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SESSION 2

NOT So Sweet! TELLING TWISTED TALES

The word “TWISTED” means distorted or deformed.

James 3:9-11, “Therewith bless we _____, even the Father; and therewith _____ we _____, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth _____ and _____. My brethren, these things _____ so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place _____ water and _____?”

Job 2:11

Job's three friends twisted what they saw, to believe what was not true, then spoke twisted words to Job. Their words were NOT pleasant words.

PLEASANT WORDS of a friend are Weighty Words of:

Affection:

Appreciation:

Affirmation:

Approachability:

JOB'S THREE FRIENDS

1. **Actions of _____ - Job 2:12-13**

Satan twisted the truth, so Job's friends would believe what was not true. Then his friends spoke twisted words passing judgment on Job. We need to WEIGH our WORDS BEFORE we speak or we will be TELLING TWISTED TALES.

2. _____ of Judgment

Job's friends saw his condition and passed judgment with condemning words.

Eliphaz speaks three times - Chapters 4 & 5; 15 and 22.

Job 23:10-14 Job's reply to Eliphaz after he listened to his TWISTED TALES.

Job remained confident in the Almighty God that He had a planned purpose for all he had experiencing.

Bildad speaks three times - Chapters 8 and 18 and 25.

Job 25:4 - These two questions of Bildad were good questions.

"How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?"

Job 27:4 Job replied to Bildad's Twisted Tales. "My _____ shall NOT _____ wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit."

Zophar speaks only twice - Chapters 11 and 20.

Job 21:1-5 Job's reply after he listened to Zophar's Twisted Tales. ". . . lay your hand upon your _____."

Nine Chapter of Job's friends WORDS revealed their heart of deception. Just like Satan mixing a little truth with error. These three friends said Job was suffering because he had sinned and that was not true.

In the New Testament again we see Satan twisting WORDS.

Philippians 4:1-3

Satan caused disunity between two friends, **Euodias and Syntyche**. The _____ between them affected the church body and needed to be resolved.

WEIGH YOUR WORDS

W - WORDS OF _____ - God's Word is Truth!

Philippians 1:9

I wonder if Euodias and Syntyche were under conviction just a little bit as they heard God's words "that your love may abound yet more and more".

																				DATE
																				MY TRIAL - MY SIN - MY WEIGHT
																				TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD SCRIPTURE TO TRIUMPHANT
																				STEPS OF OBEDIENCE WHAT I MUST PUT OFF AND PUT ON
																				TESTIMONY OF VICTORY
																				DATE

TRUTHS TRIUMPHANT TESTIMONY CHART

1 Corinthians 13 explains LOVE: "love suffers long and is kind
love envieth NOT - one who loves does not get _____
love vaunteth not itself - one who loves does not _____
love doth not behave itself unseemly - one who loves is not _____
love seeketh not her own - one who loves is not _____
love is not easily provoked - one who loves IS _____
love thinketh no evil - one who loves does not think the worst of
another.

O - WORDS OF OBSERVATION - Conviction is to lead to Confession.

Philippians 1:10, "That ye may _____ things that are excel-
lent; that ye may be sincere and without _____ till the
day of Christ."

James 3:14-16, "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts,
glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not
from above, but is earthly, sensual, _____ . . ."

The word devilish is translated "_____". Slander is kin
to gossip. Gossip is idle, careless chatter. Slander is open, intentional
Words with the intent to damage another's character.

The Holy Spirit is the PROBER of our heart who convicts us of our sin.
We have two choices in response:

- **One**, we can _____ the Holy Spirit by ignoring His convic-
tion and excusing ourselves. When we quench the Holy Spirit with-
in us we are grieving Him.
- **Two**, we can _____ with the conviction of the Holy Spirit
by saying, "I have sinned". Then we can _____ our
sin to God asking Him to forgive us and cleanse us.

It is better to OBSERVE our words on this side of eternity, than wait un-
til we see Jesus face to face and have to give an accounting to Him
for our every word.

R - WORDS OF _____ - Correction and Change

Philippians 2:13, "Do _____ things _____ murmurings
and disputing."

Satan has many traps that he uses to divide the home and the
church: Anger, Irritation, Disappointment, Bitterness, Impatience,
Stress, Insecurity, Guilt and on goes the list.

We will always have trials, but the goal is victory through Jesus way of restoration.

Restoration is twofold: _____ **and** _____

- Words of Restoration are words to repair, "Please forgive me, I am sorry."
- Words of Restoration are words to remodel, "Can we search the Scriptures together and model our relationship after Christ?"

To God, unity is very important. Both the church and the home are called on to reflect the unity of God's true nature.

D - WORDS OF - See the Bigger Picture!

The Apostle Paul was seeking to restore their relationship to each other, but they needed direction.

Philippians 2:5-9

The Words of Direction could not have been any clearer as to what they were to do - they were to have the mind of Christ - "He _____ Himself and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross."

The CHURCH is _____ about _____! The church is the body of Christ and ALL are to be about **JESUS!** Each of us need to _____ ourselves before the Lord Jesus and say, "NOT my will but Thy will be done".

S - WORDS OF - "I surrender ALL!"

Philippians 4:2

"I beseech Euodias and Syntyche, that they be of the _____ mind in the Lord."

Healing through Submission to God's WORDS:

- Cleanse the Wound Proverbs 28:13,
- Pour on Forgiveness and Apply loving Kindness Ephesians 4:31-32
- Cover with Grace Ephesians 4:29

Euodias and Syntyche needed to persevere the testimony of the church of Christ through _____ of _____ before God and before one another.

"When facing trials, you must learn to see the BIGGER picture of God's plan."

without the bees attacking, lowering the risk of getting stung or attacked.

Satan is called the angel of light, but works in the darkness. Others will not understand our trial and may attack us. Satan twists and distorts WORDS to swiftly kill relationships, paralyze love, poison minds, destroy faith, stain purity and deface reputations.

Our defense against Satan is to be robed in the righteousness of Christ and walk obediently in the light of His WORDS. Our defense is the LORD. We are to PUT ON His characteristics. Only His mercy and grace can sustain us day by day IN the Trial. The answers will come in God's timing and in His way. Our part is to fully trust the Lord Jesus as our Protector and Defender.

4. God's Supply for Survival

The most obvious and well-known reason bees build comb homes is as a place to create and store honey. Honey is an essential resource for the bee, particularly if they are to survive the winter months. During the cold months, bees are unable to venture away from the hive to gather nectar and pollen. They are, therefore, reliant on the honey resources they have built up within the hive, as they form the "winter cluster".

What we need in our trials is the WORDS of God. The Bible is our source of food to feed upon for our survival. God's Words give us wisdom to observe and be restored. His Word give us direction how to be humbled and strengthened through the Trial.

5. Gathering the HONEY . . . our WORDS of testimony!

The Honey bee's have flown back and forth from the flowers to the comb with a load of nectar heavier than themselves. It has taken honeybee workers ten million trips to gather enough nectar to make one pound of honey. Now it is the Bee keeper's job to gather the honey!

Ladies, and teens: God is seeking to give us something sweeter than honey. He is working IN our lives so He can speak THROUGH our lives Truths Triumphant Testimony.

There is coming a day when the LORD will gather us home to heaven. May we look forward to hearing Jesus sweet WORDS, "Well done, My good and faithful servant."

Bee Outfit/Honeycomb/Jar of Honey

Illustrating with HONEY what God has taught us from Job's life.

As Honey is a Treasure, Trials can be a Treasure

God created sweet things for us to enjoy. He created honeybees to make honey. The object of the beekeeper is to get the treasure of honey from the honeycomb.

Bees make honey from the nectar they collect which contains vitamins, minerals and enzymes that our bodies require. This nectar is preserved in the honeycomb to protect it from loss of nutrients that helps build our bones, as well as, have other health benefits for us. When experiencing a Trial we need to trust the Lord for the benefits we will learn and gain. For that is the treasure.

2. The Choice: Wise or Foolish!

Today's beekeepers wear a protective outfit: a hooded veil, full-body overalls, and gloves. This is not a REAL beekeepers outfit, it is a kids pretend costume!

A beekeeping suit is thick and is intended to reduce the odds of stingers reaching the of the beekeeper skin. A honey bee's stinger is normally around 1.6 millimeters long. The beekeeper suit allows them to operate more quietly and slowly, which is crucial. If you make a lot of fast movements around the bees, they will get easily irritated and aggressive and you could get stung!

Just as beekeepers can be stung, we will feel the pain and hurt of our trial.

At that point we have a CHOICE: To be wise. To trust the Lord and learn from Him and gain the treasured truth OR be foolish and reject His Word and miss discovering the Treasure.

3. Walk in the Light

Bees defend themselves against predators who harm them, wishing to consume their tasty honey and attacking the beehive in order to do so. The majority of these animals happen to be dark in color. As a result, bees are considered to have learned to detest dark-colored creatures approaching their hives. As a result, by wearing white, a beekeeper may approach and open the hive

Romans 15:13

"Now the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

The BIGGER picture is the work God is doing in our lives and in the lives of those we touch. That work is a supernatural, Holy Spirit work.

The Lord had listened from heaven to EVERY WORD Euodias and Syntyche spoke. Years and years before, the Lord had listened from heaven and heard every word of Job's three friends. AND the LORD is listening to EVERY WORD we speak!

**Do you WEIGH YOUR WORDS before you speak?
Do you speak twisted words or pleasant words?
What are you doing with the words that have wounded you?**

GOD'S TRUTH DEFEATS SATAN'S LIES Verses to Memorize!

2 Corinthians 10:5, Casting down imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Psalms 3:3; 5:11-12; 9:9-10; 19:14; 28:7; 31:24; 40:1-3; 59:16-17; 62:5-8; 98:1; 143:8 Deuteronomy 31:6; Lamentations 3:21-26; Proverbs 3:3-7; 8:33-35; 9:8-9; 30:5; 31:26 Isaiah 26:3-4; 57:15; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:1-2; 6:10-18; Philippians 4:6-8; James 1:2-8; 1:19; 3:13-18; 4:6-8; 1 Peter 3:8-18; 2 Peter 1:5-8

Chosen One - Isaiah 42:1

Counselor - Isaiah 9:6

Creator - 1 Peter 4:19

Door - John 10:7

Everlasting Father - Isaiah 9:6

Eternal God - Deuteronomy 33:27

Friend - John 15:14-15

Faithful - Revelation 19:11

Good Shepherd - John 10:11

Great High Priest - Hebrews 4:14

God - Genesis 1:1

Holy - Isaiah 57:15

Head of the Church - Ephesians 5:23

Hope - Titus 2:13

Immanuel - Isaiah 7:14

Living Water - John 4:10

LORD - John 13:13

Love - 1 John 4:8

Mediator - 1 Timothy 2:5

Man of Sorrows - Isaiah 53:3

Nazarene - Matthew 2:23

Offspring of David - Rev 22:16

Omega - Rev 22:13

Potter - Isaiah 64:8

Prince of Peace - Isaiah 9:6

Resurrection - John 11:25

Sun of Righteousness - Malachi 4:2

True Light - John 1:9

Vine - John 15:5

Way - John 14:6

_____ of God's Word:

Vs. 10: Motivates to gain Reward - Sweeter than Honey and the Honey-comb

Vs. 11-13: Mandates the Warning of _____

Errors - Mistakes, Weaknesses

Secret Faults - Hidden Failures (James 5:16)

Presumptuous Sins - Willful Sin; Clenched fist defiant toward God

The Great Transgression - Rejection of Christ (Matthew 12:30-32)

_____ on God's Word:

Vs. 14, "Let the _____ - of my _____, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in THY sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer."

The Word of God is TRUTH. God speaks it for us to see WHO HE IS and who we are.

SPEAKS Words of _____

Job 42:7-10: Four times the Lord called Job His servant.

Job served God by enduring suffering and not cursing God. God holds loving sway over our lives when we face trials. Job's greatest blessing was knowing God better. **Job's Story is told as a Testimony of Truths Triumphant.** May that be so in our lives.

"Say the right Words, in the right Way, at the right Time, in the right Spirit!"
Psalm 141:3

Sweet WORDS are Truths Triumphant Testimony.
What does YOUR WORDS say about YOU?

THE TRIUMPHANT OF TRUTH IS KNOWING GOD

Abba - Romans 8:15

Jesus - Matthew 1:21

Anchor - Hebrews 6:19

Jealous - Exodus 34:14

Advocate - 1 John 2:1

Judge - Acts 10:42

Bright Morning Star - Revelations 22:16

King of Kings - 1 Timothy 6:15

Bread of Life - John 6:35

King - Zechariah 9:9

Bridegroom - Isaiah 62:56

Lamb of God - John 1:29

Proverbs 16:24

*Pleasant words are as an honeycomb,
sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.*



*Sweeter
than
Honey*

SESSION 3

SWEETER than Honey! TRUTHS TRIUMPHANT TESTIMONY

Job's three friends lacked understanding. They did not know there was a battle going on between God and Satan - and Job was in the middle. Job never claimed that he was without sin. He claimed only that his CURRENT suffering was not because of sin. In spite of the loss of family, wealth, health and the accusations of friends, Job maintained his integrity to the end.

After each of Job's three friends spoke, Job spoke for a total of 20 chapters.

Job spoke in Chapters 3, 6-7; 9-10; 12-14; 16-17; 19; 21-24; 26-31.

JAMES 5:7-12

When Suffering, our response to judgmental words:

1. **Be** _____
Focus your _____ - Jesus Christ soon return, wait & have LONG endurance.
2. **Be** _____
Focus your _____ - Be firm, strengthened, stable, immovable in faith to trust without seeing.
3. **Be NOT a** _____ - "Grudge NOT"
Focus your _____ - Not to curse or invoke God's wrath on those who are mistreating you.
4. **Be** _____ "Happy"
Focus your _____ - "We have heard". Remember those who have won the Race by enduring to the end - the Prophets and Job!
5. **Be** _____
Focus your _____ - Do NOT condemn those who condemn you or you will be condemned. In fact, it is best to just be silent before others and PRAY to the Lord for forgiveness.

1 Peter 2:19-25

The Lord was working to silence Job - to stop his WORDS, get his attention and to listen to Him.

WHO HAS THE LAST WORD

1. Job 36:1-4 ELIHU SPEAKS TO JOB

Elihu spoke in 6 chapters, 32-37. Was he a friend? We do not know. Was he just a bystander? Possibly! The Word of God does not explain who he is.

His _____ pointed out Three Truths:

- God is absolute sovereign and always _____.
- There is value in suffering because God always has a _____.
- In trials, we are to learn to _____ and _____ the Lord.

Job 36:26 We cannot fully comprehend or understand the LORD. "Behold, God is great, and we _____ Him _____, ..."

Job 37:23

2. Job 38:1-3 The LORD SPEAKS TO JOB

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SPEAKS His _____ "LORD"

In Job 38, God is again called "**the LORD**". LORD is all capitals signifies Jehovah _____ - the _____ existence One, The I AM I AM.

The LORD asked almost 80 questions to Job in chapters 38-41. The questions were to make Job realize his own inadequacy and inability to meet God as an equal and defend his cause.

SPEAKS to _____ Job's Words

When the LORD spoke to Job of His majesty and greatness, it humbled Job and brought him to silence. Until we are silent before God, He cannot SPEAK.

Job's reactions. "**I am _____**" - I am insignificant and unworthy and I am silenced." Job had told his friends to cover their mouth in Job 21:5, but now Job had to cover his own mouth.

Proverbs 30:32, "If thou hast done _____ in _____ up thyself, or if thou hast thought _____, lay thine hand upon thy _____."

Job had challenged God and God responded.

SPEAKS to _____ Job

Job 42:1-6

Job's answer to the LORD, "**I _____ myself.**"

Job was humbled before the LORD. He realized that whatever God does it right and man must accept it by faith. God had NOT caused Job's suffering. He had allowed it. But it was Satan who was the cause of Job's suffering and loss.

"God will not afflict". The word "afflict" means oppress. Satan cannot possess a Christian, but Satan does oppress Christians.

Job repented and admitted his words had been wrong and that he had spoken of things he did not understand.

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The Word of God is TRUTH Psalm 19:7-14

_____ of God's Word:

The Law, God's Testimony, the Statutes, the Commandments and His Judgments. Each of these give a description of a facet of the Word of God.

_____ of God's Word:

Vs. 7: Converts the lost sinner making him _____ unto salvation

Vs. 8: Causes _____ and enlightens the Christian

Vs. 9: Cleanses our motives for living and gives endurance

Clarifies what is _____ and not true, what is righteous and not righteous