

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

3 REASONS JOB'S FAITH REMAINED STRONG

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."—Job 13:15

Every time I think I have it rough, the Lord causes me to think about Job. I am not sure there was another man who was tried to the breaking point like Job was. The afflictions he went through could have been enough for two lifetimes! Here was a man who endured a series of severe setbacks, the majority of which were in one day!

- First, he endured the loss of his **possessions**. All of his oxen, asses, camels, and sheep were taken or burned up! His livelihood was sadly decimated and greatly reduced! (Job 1:13-17)
- Next, he endured the loss of his **helpers**. The servants who had oversight over his sheep were consumed by the same fire that burned up the sheep. In addition, the servants who oversaw his camels were separately slain.
- Next, he endured the loss of his **children**. All of his children were in one house when a great wind collapsed the house on them and killed them. What a tragic loss! Can you imagine the shock and grief he endured at this piece of news? (Job 1:18-19)
- However, to top matters off, he endured the loss of his **health**! He was afflicted with a serious disease of boils all over his body. There was not an area of his body that was not affected! (Job 2:7-9)

Job was a man who was sorrowing, suffering, and set back! And yet, he makes an outstanding statement! He said, *"Though he [God] slay me, yet will I trust in him."* Job had an unshakable faith!

He did not understand everything that God was doing, but he confessed, *"Yet will I trust in Him!"*

He was hurting and suffering, but he declared, *"Yet will I trust in Him!"*

He was unsure of what the future held for him, but he exclaimed, *"Yet will I trust in Him!"*

He was greatly reduced physically, financially, and even relationally, but he shouted, *"Yet will I trust in Him!"*

His friends had turned on him and made false statements about him, but he sighed, *"Yet will I trust in Him!"*

Job had an unshakable faith! It was a faith that could not be toppled or totaled! How was it possible that a man could have such a faith, going through as much as Job did?

1. **He was unshakable because of his *relationship with God*!** Job had a close walk with God before the trial ever came! In fact, Job loved God even more because of what the trial was doing for him! (Job 1:20-21)
2. **He was unshakable because of his *spirit towards God*!** Job submitted himself to God and did not question Him! He would later say, *"When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."* (Job 23:10-12)
3. **He was unshakable because of his *responsibility to God*!** Even though he was set back, Job knew that losses did not alter the fact that he was still supposed to live for God! Don't quit being a Christian when setbacks and afflictions come your way! (Job 1:22)

Has your faith been flickering on and off as the winds of adversity blow into your soul? Don't you think it is a good time say like Job, *"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him?"*

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