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In this passage we have a man who had all.

- He was the perfect picture of a God honoring man who loved God, hated sin, and lived to please God.
- And blessed by God.
- A man who longed to see his children love God and serve God.

**Job went from everything to nothing:**

- A man who went from perfect health to no health.
- A man who went from Wall Street to the poor house.
- A man who lost all his children in an afternoon.
- A man whose loving wife even told him to give up and quit.
- And even God was silent for a time.
- A man who suffered more than any other in this life
- A man who **had** hope deferred!

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**Job 1:8** - Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil."

**Let's talk about Hope Deferred in trials:**

We need to understand hope deferred when the bottom drops out. The expectations when your world collapses. When things don't work out the way you planned.

What do we do when this happens, how do we respond?

**Here this man Job, rightly related to God; learned some important lessons throughout the trial, and the grief... Job's hope deferred.**

**What are some lessons we can learn – let me share with you a couple; 2 truths to help you in your trials:**

**2 TRUTHS TO HELP YOU IN TRIALS:**

**I. Stay Faithful (1:20-22)**

**A.** Job maintained his integrity throughout. He did not sin! (2:10b)

Illustration: *David, promised the throne...In both their situations [David & Job] they don't understand, but they accepted it as God's plan and purpose. And they both grieved in their loss.*

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**B.** Even Job's wife

**C.** Even his friends

**II. Understand God**

**A.** Job didn't accuse God

**I mean here is Job:**

- His life was one that pleased God, God said that!
- His life was one of service, of ministry to others.

His life was one of blessing, he prospered in everything.



- He lost all and was stopped, trapped, nothing he could do – no end in sight.
- Now sitting 7 days, doing what? Reliving all, as far as he knew, he was right! SO WHY?! Why did it happen? But see God was doing something in his life.

**God gave us...**

- Gives Good gifts!
- God takes away good gifts (1:21)
- God gave you...
- God gave me...
- We will have memories forever...
- But God took him, her, took this, that...
- GOD TAKES TOO.
- WHY? – I don't know.

**B.** And so we grieve

**Do Christians grieve?** *my Dad says:*

Get real, all Christians grieve, for this is God's way for us to recover from the great losses that occur in our life.

1. Through grief you express your feelings about your loss.
2. Through grief you express your protest at the loss as well as your desire to change what had happened and have it not be true.
3. Through grief you express the effects you have experienced from the devastation, impact of your loss.
4. Through grief you heal.

The purpose of grieving over your loss is to get beyond your reaction, to face your loss and work on adapting to it.

**Hope deferred in trials:**

Job's grief was great – his life made no sense; he wanted answers – God was silent. He had the seemingly senselessness of life's trials, - ever feel that way?

**Hope deferred in trials brings grief!**

But why not have *good* grief?

**Grief is GOOD when...**

- ✓ When it helps us understand that God is with us in our pain, and He is all powerful (**Psalm 23**).
- ✓ When it opens the door of opportunity to ministry to others (**2 Cor.1:4**).
- ✓ When it teaches us to number our days (**Psalm 90:12**).
- ✓ When it leads us to adjust our priorities: what's important and what's not.
- ✓ When we lean upon the scriptures to sustain us (**2 Tim. 3:16**).
- ✓ When it helps you learn about yourself (**Hebrews 6:12**).
- ✓ When we increase our faith (**Luke 17:5**).

**CONCLUSION:**

- Hope deferred in trials – brings grieving!
- When my grief causes me to see God in a whole new way, I learn, and that impact will reach others.
- And God is glorified!
- We need to see the bigger picture of what God is doing in our lives.