

Fighting Off The Fiery Arrows

Ephesians 6:16; Job 1 – 2

OUR WORKING DEFINITION

○ BIBLICAL FAITH IS:

**TRUSTING IN GOD WHOM I DO NOT
SEE, BUT KNOW THAT HE EXISTS
THROUGH HIS PROOF OF WHAT I DO
SEE**

Romans 1; Ephesians 2; Hebrews 11

JOB 1-2; 42:5

Job 1:6-12, 20-22; 2:1-10

- The Arrows of Affliction that Satan shoots:
 - Against our wealth (possessions, i.e. even those things that break)
 - Against our health (diseases, anxieties, phobias, etc.)
 - Against our relationships (family, friends, co-workers, etc.)

Job's Reaction

- He “TURNED” to God as he fell and worshipped – 1:20
- He did not blame God – 1:22
- He maintained his integrity – 2:9
- He waited sometime before he questioned why, but did not question God

When the Shield Gets Heavy

- Job asked a number of why questions (chapter 3-41)
- Faith teaches us three basic principles:
 - It does not keep us from experiencing pain or having problems
 - It does not punish us for asking why something is happening or how long it will last
 - It does challenge us to not question God

Keep HOLDING UP Your Shield

○ James 1:2-4

○ Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

He “TURNED”

○ Job 42:5-6

○ God is in Control

○ God limits the level of our trial

○ God doesn't always answer the why

○ God blesses and prospers when we repent (Acts 3:19-20)