



RUINED!

The book of Job

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“Befriended!”

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When You're Ruined, Your Friends Share Your Feelings

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Since Sunday's Point was part of the Hope Collective "Pastor Exchange", we're going to continue the *Ruined!* series here by studying the next part of the book of Job in Pr'me.
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?



The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
When You're Ruined, Your Friends Share Your Feelings
- This Week's Object Lesson:
[none]
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Job 2:11-13**
Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words. (Job 2:13, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Share the top 3 characteristics that you would want in a close friend.
- Out of curiosity, how are *you* at being those 3 things for others?

****NOTE:** As we look at Job's three friends today, we're asking that you put aside everything else that you may know about them from later in the book of Job, and just consider these verses for today.**

- **Read Job 2:11.** What was the first step that Job's friends took here?
- Which do you think is more of a challenge for people: *knowing about* other's hurt OR *finding time to reach out* to them? Why?
- **Read Job 2:12.** In this verse, how did Job's friends respond to his pain? What about this shows the depth of their friendship with Job?
- **Read Romans 12:15.** Do you think this comes naturally for people? Why or why not? If not, what can be done to develop it?
- **Read Job 2:13.** Take a moment to imagine this situation. What do you think it was like? What *sounds* were there? How did it *feel*?
- What did this moment show Job about the commitment of his friends?
- When responding to someone who is hurting, what is unique about Job's friends here vs. people today? [they didn't try to "fix" him]
- Which do you think is *easier*: helping a hurting person solve their problem OR spending time with them *in* it? Why? Before you answer, think through it for a moment... What does **Proverbs 18:24** add?
- As you ponder the three responses of Job's friends (*moving* to reach out; *mourning alongside* him; simply *being with* him), which one(s) would you want in a close friend? Why?
- Would those whom you consider to be your close friends *now* respond this way? If not, do you need to make some changes?
- Now look at yourself. As a friend to others, which one of these three responses are you best at?
- Which one of these three responses do you need to work on? What can you do to improve in that area?