

STUDY QUESTIONS

Job – *Riding Out the Storms of Life*

Lesson 3: Job's friends

With Friends Like These...

1. Think about a best friend you had when growing up. What were the qualities you remember?
2. Read Job 2:11-13. Identify the qualities of friendship Job's three friends demonstrated.
3. Chapter 3 is a poetic expression of Job's wish he'd never been born. What was behind how he *felt*, and the nature of his *expression* of it?
4. Were Job's friends' compassion and expression of humility genuine? How do you reconcile that with their accusations of him?
5. Express in your own words what his friends were telling him about his situation.
6. Have you ever had friends give you bad advice?
7. How do you feel when someone close to you is suffering greatly? Do you tend to try to figure out where they went wrong for this to have happened to them?
8. Have you ever felt speechless in the face of someone's grief? Was it frustrating to you that you couldn't provide answers?
9. Is great suffering ever God's will? Can you back up your answer biblically?
10. Have you ever had a good and true friend who stuck with you through really hard times? What did they do or not do that was most helpful?
11. Bonus question: Job is a part of the 'wisdom literature' of the Bible, or the 'poetic' books. Another is Proverbs. Compare and contrast the core messages of these two books.