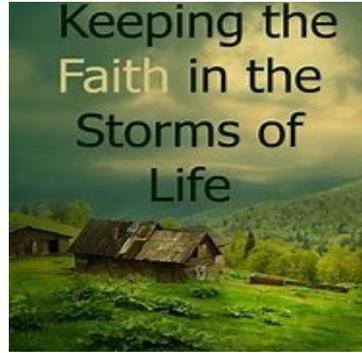




Lewiston Church of Christ

October 11, 2020



Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

God's Megaphone

"There is a strong shadow where there is much light."
~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1773).

God included the book of Job in His word for good reason--pain is real, whether you are in it now or not. If not now, at some point, pain is in your future. Job's friends were not helpful and they often missed the mark, but Eliphaz was spot on when he told Job, "For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward." (Job 5:7). Be prepared.

You are living your life, minding your own business, and doing your best to do right by God and by others—and tragedy suddenly strikes! Why God would allow devastating pain to disrupt your life? If you are following our family prayer need updates, you understand why this topic needs our attention. Here are five brief insights that I hope you find helpful wherever you are in your struggle with life:

1. Pleasure and pain should not be confused with good and evil. Goodness often leads to great pain. Be good anyway. Evil may lead to much pleasure. Be good anyway!
2. The choice to love is a choice to suffer. C.S. Lewis wrote, "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken." ("The Four Loves."). Love anyway!
3. No matter how painful life becomes, God's plan stands. When my friend Terry Giboney was dying in 1996, he said, "God is my Plan A. I have no Plan B. He does not have to heal me to prove that He is God or that He is good."
4. Do you want your faith to have a greater impact on others? One way for that to happen is for them to see you stand in faith in the midst of great pain.
5. Most humans would ignore our Creator if we lived in a painless world. Let's give C.S. Lewis the last word. He wrote, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." ("The Problem of Pain").

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