

Day 5, The Walk, “Broken and Given



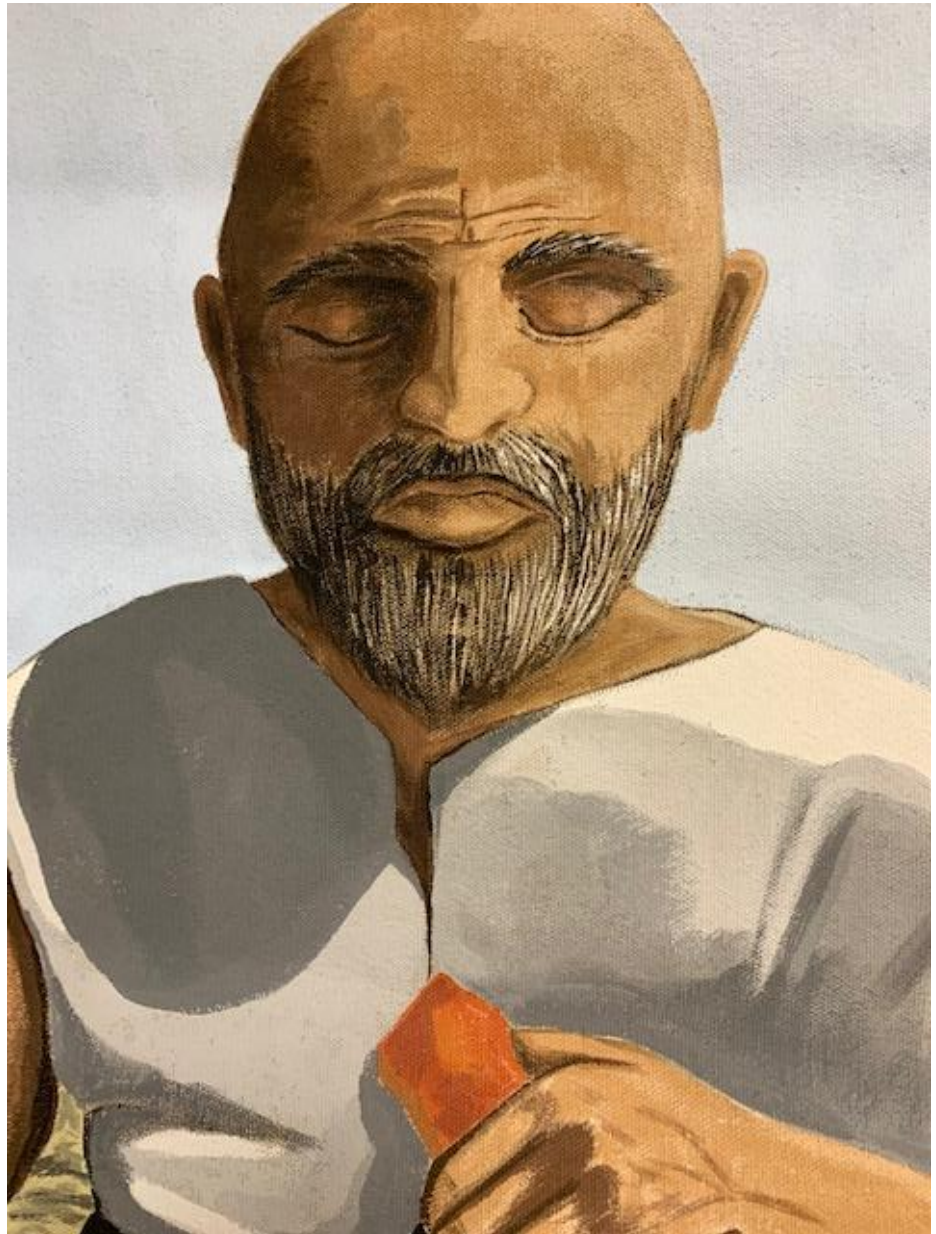
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Job . . . a familiar name but one never high on the list of names for a new baby, a name synonymous with suffering . . . a name that begs the endless question “why do bad things happen to good people?” . . . it takes 41 chapters in the Bible to tell his story . . . and what a story of brokenness it is.

*Job was described as “blameless, a man of complete integrity, he feared God and stayed away from evil.” (Job 1:1-2), and yet in one day he experienced devastating losses . . . his children – all ten of them, servants, livestock, and herdsmen. We read that Job grieved . . . **deeply** . . . he was a broken man.*

Just days later Satan struck Job with a terrible case of boils from head to foot and we read that he scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes . . . his suffering was too great for words.

Have you ever felt the brokenness of deep loss? a move you did not want to make? the loss of a job? laying down a long-treasured dream? standing at the grave of a dear loved one?



What does Job do with such incredible loss?

*He was so very honest . . . Job did not hide his feelings . . . he tore his robe . . . he shaved his head . . . he sat in ashes . . . and yet we read that he did not blame God. **He was broken and yet, he gave.***

Job gave his trust to God

. . . even though he could not understand . . . he kept pouring his heart out to God . . . through 538 verses of Scripture.

You don't keep talking to someone you don't trust.

"I am disgusted with my
life. Let me
complain freely.
I will speak in the
bitterness of my soul."
Job 10:1

*Job gave God his
questions,*

"Why did I not die at
birth, come out from the
womb and expire?" (Job 3:11)



And through his trust . . . Job gave God praise.

"For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will
stand upon the earth."
Job 19:25



*When we fast forward to the end of Job's story,
we learn that it ends well, very well. God restores
Job . . . in his heart . . . in his family and in all parts
of his life. Whether that happens while you are still
living on this earth or when you go to your
heavenly home, you too can confidently trust that
God is with you . . . He hears every word you pray,
and He continues to love you.*



Think of one word that would represent some brokenness in your life and use a marker to write it on your broken item.

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~ Prayer Response ~

As you think about the broken pieces of your life . . .

Keep talking to God and be totally honest with him.

Trust him with all your heart.

Know that He hears you . . . He is with you . . . and He loves you.



Please listen to “Just as I Am,” by Travis Cottrell and take comfort in coming to your Lord in all honesty, just as you are.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrNfaqZa8PI>