

Heritage of Faith
Job 42:16-17
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Thesis: I want to show the type of faith our family and friends can see even after we are gone.

Intro:

1. What kind of example or heritage of faith are we leaving behind?
2. Do are kinds see the type of faith in us that is worth following?
3. Job is a great example of leaving behind life of faithfulness that is worth following.

I. Job's spiritual condition & care for his family (**1:1-5**)

A. He was blameless & upright

1. Blameless – meaning he wasn't perfect but he was without any obvious moral blemish, a man of integrity. Job's blamelessness is affirmed in heaven (**1:8, 2:3**) by Job's wife (**2:9**); and by Job himself (**9:21**). Even Job's former supporters admit the blamelessness of Job in a general way (**4:6**).
2. He feared God – he revered the creator and humbly submitted to His will.
3. Job also “shunned evil” – he avoided all that area which the Holy One had designated as sinful. The fear of God gives a person the moral discernment to avoid evil.

B. His care for his family

1. Job's godly character is indicated in his concern for the spiritual well being of his grown children. He was faithful in his priestly ministry to his family.
2. Each year the children of Job would have a feast. When it was over Job performed a priestly ritual for his children. Job continued to do what was right despite any error his children may have been involved in. He would sanctify them (**v.5a**) and offering burnt offerings on their behalf and he did this regularly (**v.5b**)

II. Job's attitude towards sin (**40:1-5, 42:1-6**)

A. God's talk with Job (**Job 38:1-3, 38:4-39:30**)

1. (**38:2a**) – “darkens the counsel” the meaning here is who is this person who is misunderstanding the purpose behind my plan for you. God had a plan for why Job was going through such hardships, but his attitude here and purpose the constant questioning by his “friends” has caused him to not be able to see the purpose behind such ailments.
2. (**38:2b**) – “by words without knowledge” could be referring to his “friends” who were causing him such additional grief.
3. (**38:3**) – God tells Job to prepare himself to answer Him. No doubt a fearful time for Job.

B. Job's response. (**40:1-5, 40:6-41:34**)

1. God tells Job to answer Him. (**40:1-2**)
2. Job however, greatly humbled, realized he has already said to much and remains silent while God continues to speak (**40:3-5**)

III. Job's example to His family (**42:6,7-8, 42:16-17**)

A. Job's repentance.

1. Job after being humbled by God repents of his attitude and questioning of God (**42:6**)

2. God no doubt accepts Job's repentance, as this is made clear in the following verses.

B. Job offering for his friends (42:7-8)

1. Job gives an offering for his friends.

2. This is commanded by God, they require Job to do this, as God commanded it to be so.

Thus Job was falsely accused by his friends and they no require forgiveness.

C. Job's example is able to be seen for generations that followed (42:16-17).

1. Job was a man who was indeed blameless, when He failed, he was humble enough to admit it and do what was necessary to again be pleasing in the sight of God.

2. Job's legacy of faith was clear. If you remain faithful to God, He will take care of you and you will be greatly blessed by Him.

Conc:

1. Job's example was one of great faith. Though He had a tough time He kept his faith in God.

2. No doubt the generations that followed him would see that as well and be able to pass on the story of Job's character for generations to come.

3. What about you, what do the ones who come after you see. Do they see a great faith or a weak faith?

4. Full Invitation