

Truth Hurts

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Job 6:14-30

In a court of law the truth is known as an “absolute defense.” Still, getting to the real truth may be painful. One might apply the old adage “With friends like these who needs enemies?” to Job’s friends. They were convinced Job had sinned and needed to confess his sin to God.

Job’s friends sat in silence with him for seven days and seven nights (Job 2:13) to show him their support. In our modern culture it is hard to imagine sitting in silence for seven minutes, much less seven days and nights. That shows the cultural differences between our times and Job’s. Job’s friends operated on the premise of “guilty,” not “innocent until proven guilty.” They assumed Job was out of fellowship with God. Their words, while spoken with concern and sincerity for their friend, caused Job even more distress because he knew he was a man of integrity. He knew of nothing wrong he had done against God.

Perhaps you have experienced being falsely accused of a wrong. With God in control, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

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