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Bad Things and Good People?

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We have often heard the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" It's a good question. Many books have been written trying to provide an answer. In most cases some of the books have fallen short of providing an adequate response. The one book I trust to provide an answer is my Scriptures.

In the Bible, in the book of Job chapter 1 verse 1 it is written, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." Job was a good man who walked upright before God who hated evil! But reading further in the book of Job we see that Job was not immune to loss and heartache. As a matter of fact in Job if you continue on reading you see that in one fall swoop all that Job had was taken from him; his children were killed, his livestock was taken and his body was stricken with boils. Now this is a good man that bad things happened to, but why? Why did God choose Job to go through the most horrible of things? Because God knew Job's heart and mind toward Him. Job would stick to his faith!

Job exhibited bounce back ability or what is commonly known as resiliency. He was resilient in his resolve to continue to move forward no matter what he was going through. In Job chapter 13 Job answers his friends who doubt his relationship with God and questioning what evil deed he has done for God to bring this awful thing upon him. I was impressed with Job's answer in verse 15 and 16. He stated, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. He also shall be my salvation: for a hypocrite shall not come before him." Job declared that no matter what God allowed Job to go through he would still trust God. What a statement of resiliency! No matter what he was going through he would rather go through it with God than without Him.

When we are faced with adversity in our lives we should have the attitude that Job exhibited, no matter what, I will trust God. No matter what I have lost or am losing it is not worth losing my relationship with the one who made me! "Though He slays me yet will I trust Him," is the ultimate resiliency mantra. No matter what I am going through; all hell may be break loose, my marriage may be in jeopardy, I may have lost my job or my children may be out of control but yet I will still push/move forward with the help of the Lord. I will trust that He knows what's best for me and has my best interest at heart. While loss and heartache is hard, not having the one who created me to stand beside me is worse.

Why do bad things happen to good people? We don't have the answer but we do know and understand that no matter what we go through we will still have to trust in the One that is life giving! And what a testament of resiliency this will be.