



A devotional related to a favorite Bible verse or passage.*

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A^{bout} – Grievers’ Grievances

B^{est Verse} – Job 4:6, [Said to the suffering man,] “Your piety should be your confidence and your blameless ways should be your hope.” We are sure to discourage a distressed friend if we start with a typical, worldly and false assumption: If we believe that those who do right are always blessed, or those who are blessed must be right, or that those who do wrong are always cursed, and every curse is a sign of sin. Then it will be hard to avoid...we will be the discourager.^{4:17} Such an attitude would cause us to play judge of the suffering soul and make us to doubt their motives.^{4:3} Careful. We will tend to slander God, making Him out to be an abusive or neglectful Father.^{5:17,19} We might slander the sufferer’s parents or children, blaming their difficulties on generational sin.^{8:4} We may cast doubt on the devotion of the suffering soul, and so slander them. Don’t minimize the hardship of a person. Neither give them false hope that their trial will soon end. Make these your practice and your suffering friend should hide when they see you coming.

C^{ommitment} – Loving Father, I want to be Your love and peace to my grieving brothers and sisters. I want to ease their load, sharing it rather than adding to their burden.

* Gus and I need a walk!