

**Helping the Hurting**  
**Job 2:11-13**

**Introduction:**

- A. What do we do when people we love and care about experience heartache and pain?
- B. Job lost his property, animals, children and health without cause (2:3). Eventually, he lost the comfort and support of his wife (2:9-10).
- C. In the midst of Job's great pain, three of his friends show up to minister to him. While they would eventually say some foolish things, we should not overlook their genuine love for Job.

**They went to be with Job (v. 11).**

- A. Job's friends were willing to make an appointment to travel in order to comfort him.
- B. Suffering often times leads to a feeling of loneliness and Job was certainly lonely (Psa. 142:4).
- C. People may never remember what we say, but they will remember we showed up (Lk. 10:30-36).

**They mourned with Job (v. 12).**

- A. His friends openly showed their support by publicly mourning with him.
- B. We are commanded to weep with those who weep (Rom. 12:15).
- C. Weeping is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of love and support (Jn. 11:33-35).

**They made themselves available to Job (v. 13).**

- A. They saw his suffering was great so they sat on the ground with him for seven days. They gave Job the gift of their time and availability.
- B. We are commanded to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ (Gal. 6:2, 9-10).
- C. Do what you can no matter how insignificant you may think it is (Acts 10:38).

**They were patient with Job (v. 13).**

- A. They didn't say a word for seven days (Ecc. 3:7). Just imagine how difficult that would have been.
- B. People who are suffering can have many different reactions (Jn. 11:21; 32).
- C. We are to help the weak and to be patient with them (I Thess. 5:14).

**Conclusion:**

- A. Job friends were willing to do what they could during his period of darkness and despair.
- B. People who are hurting need others to help lift them up. Are you willing to help the hurting?
- C. The Lord takes notice when we minister to others (Matt. 25:31-46).