

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued through the book of Job in the Unwavering series. Job lived under the law of the Old Testament. If he had broken any of those laws, as his friends had suggested earlier, then he would believe his suffering was justified. But he knew himself to be innocent, and as if he was a defendant standing trial, he presented his position in closing remarks to God. In Job's final defense, he delivered nine points to illustrate his innocence:

1. No Lust (31:1-4)
2. No lies (31:5-8)
3. No Adultery (31:9-12)
4. Fair and Compassionate (31:13-15)
5. Generous (31:16-23)
6. Trusts God, Not Riches (31:24-28)
7. Loved His Enemies (31:29-30)
8. Hospitable (31:31-32)
9. Protected the Land (31:38-40)

Job knew his defense, but he couldn't know the totality of God – his nature, his love, or his perspective. Job's defense was one of ticking off specifics of his obedience, goodness, and righteousness. But he wouldn't hear from God until stopped defending, stopped talking, and stopped promoting himself. God will answer. God does answer. But God wouldn't speak while Job was still talking.

SCRIPTURE – JOB 31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out today from Marty's message?

2. Read Job 31. How does Job present his defense for the following:
 - a. No Lust (31:1-4)
 - b. No lies (31:5-8)
 - c. No Adultery (31:9-12)
 - d. Fair and Compassionate (31:13-15)
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 - f. Trusts God, Not Riches (31:24-28)
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3. Have you ever felt as though you needed to defend yourself to God in response to suffering or hardship? If so, what are some closing remarks you used?
4. What does God want from us instead of pleading our case?
5. How have you experienced God's answers, mercy, and grace, when you stop defending yourself, and humble yourself instead?
6. How can we pray for you?

"The silence of God ends when our silence begins." Ray Stedman

PRAYER

Thank God as he does not stand as judge expecting you to defend yourself in order to receive mercy. Instead of telling God all that you've done, be still, and listen as God reminds you it could never be enough, he has done everything necessary, and you are in a position to receive grace and unconditional love. Be humble, and silent. Seek God and know he is with you, and for you.