

Job

Ten cool verses

Verse 5

Job 8:15

“If one leans against its house, it will not stand; if one lays hold of it, it will not endure.”

There is so much here. By ourselves we are good but not good enough. No one is an island. We need people to survive. These days people are protecting their own bubbles. We are such a segregated society. Things like the politically correct make it hard to be yourself. The verse above is this in a nutshell. Yes, there is united we stand, but diversity makes a nation. We cannot do it alone. Secondly, we all need to be on board. Rowing in the same direction.

2 Corinthians :1 says ***“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness.”*** In Matthew 12 Jesus makes some comments about a house divided. The basic idea here is that we need to work together. In the old days a community raised the barn. They say *“it takes a village to raise a child.”* Patrick Henry said in a speech *“united we stand, and divided we fall.”* Job’s friend says they should all be on the same page. Is Job guilty or not before God?

There is another side to this. Proverbs 3:5 ***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*** Job is all about trusting the Lord. It’s an argument on why. These men in this story are grappling with these questions. Job alone does not have all the answers. His three friends alone do not know the truth. The one thing that is missing in this book is cohesiveness. They are using

their own understanding to work it out. Nothing is being done together. I could go on and on. The message is simple really. When conflicted in thought, we need to talk about it with others. Pray to God for answers.

This is fascinating. Jesus says in John 8:32 **“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** If you read the whole chapter you will see that they were seeking truth in the prophets of the past. They listened to the words of the law keepers. Jesus was saying that those truths were a yoke on the people. Jesus came to set them free from religious oppression. Tradition oppression.

Finally, this verse above can be looked at as leaning on your own house. That house is tradition, beliefs, and convictions. It's leaning on what has always been. On the friends you keep. 1 Corinthians 15:33 **“do not be mis-lead, bad company corrupts good character.”** Jesus mentions a house built on a sandy foundation. Who do we lean on for truth? Is it Job's three friends? Is it the Lord?