

Job's Wife

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" ~ Job 2:9

Discover the Context

Job 1:1-2:10



Write down three words that best describe the kind of staff member that you are.

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Ask your prayer partner to answer this question to see how accurate your evaluation of yourself is. What one word does today's devotion encourage you to add to your list?

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Share an example from this summer in which a positive attitude helped save the day or event. What are some ways that you can promote enthusiasm among the staff?



Remember that support and encouragement isn't always noticeable. Take time today to jot down a verse or two and pass it on to someone who is in need of some positive strength.

God allowed Satan to take almost everything away from Job—his children, his job, his house, his health (Job 1). Job's wife remained with him, but she wasn't very encouraging.

So here's a good question for you today. If the Lord allowed Satan to take away everything of any value from your boss or coworkers, would you still be there? Would you support, or would you bail?

What about in situations that aren't as extreme as Job's? Maybe a hike is more difficult or a game more confusing than the leader envisioned. Maybe it's taking longer to clean the kitchen than your supervisor thought. You have a choice—you can help revitalize the activity, or you can accelerate its failure.

Or maybe you're the kind that goes through the motions, but with an undercurrent of complaining or criticism. If you tend to complain (like Job's wife), realize that the leader is going through all the same kinds of hardships you are experiencing, plus the additional burden of putting up with complainers. Instead of tearing him down, you could refresh him, pray for the situation, and discreetly suggest an improvement. Often the difference between a successful activity and a miserable flop is one enthusiastic supporter to start things off. Set the tone for the campers as the leader's number one fan. Your attitude towards your boss is perceived by campers, and it does make a difference.

Don't be like Job's wife who was there in body, but unsupportive. Rather, live out 1 Corinthians 14:26, "Let all things be done for edification." Because God has placed you on this staff team, He desires for you to contribute support and to serve, which can only be done by God who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13). When you bear one another's burdens you are fulfilling the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). This is the kind of friend that people hate to have taken away. This is the kind of friend and staff member that God wants you to be this summer. [GLF]