

The Story No Stone Could Hold

Job 19:23-27 ▪ Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 ▪ Nick Braitto

When Life _____ . (w. 23-24)

When Hope _____ . (w. 25)

When Joy _____ . (v. 26-27)

Job 19:23-27

²³ "Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me! (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: If you could choose the engraving on your tombstone (more than just your name and dates), what would you want it to say? Why does that message matter to you?

Read & Discuss: Job 19:23-27

1. Job feels buried under the weight of his suffering and wants his story permanently recorded (vv. 23–24). What are some reasons we fear our own stories being lost, ignored, or misunderstood when we're walking through pain or a trial? How does Job's desire for a "permanent record" change once he shifts his focus to what God will do for him in verse 25?
2. In the middle of his pain, Job confidently declares, "I know that my Redeemer lives" (v. 25). What is the difference between just hoping things might get better and having the kind of certainty that Job expresses here? When your circumstances feel like a dead end, what truths about God help you look beyond the present moment?
3. In the Old Testament, a "Redeemer" was a relative who paid a debt or resolved a situation for someone who couldn't help themselves. In light of Easter, how does the resurrection of Jesus deepen the meaning of the phrase "my Redeemer lives"? How is trusting a living Redeemer different from simply believing optimistic sayings like "Everything will work out"?
4. Job says, "In my flesh I shall see God" (v. 26b). When you think about the next life, what is the difference between imagining a vague spiritual existence and the biblical promise of a physical resurrection? What are you looking forward to about that physical reality?
5. Job speaks of his heart "fainting" within him at the thought of seeing God (v. 27). What is it about God that might cause a heart to faint like that? If that kind of intense longing for God feels distant to us, what are some practical things we can do that would help stir our delight in the hope of seeing Him?
6. Which part of Job's movement do you relate to most right now: feeling buried, seeing hope, or experiencing joy? What is one small way the reality of Easter can help you take a step forward from where you are now?

Apply: What is one situation in your life right now that feels stuck, heavy, or hopeless? How would your attitude or actions change this week if you remembered that Jesus is alive and actively at work in that very place?

Pray: Pray that God would give us eyes to see past our current trials and the confidence we need to live in light of Christ's resurrection.