

GRACE CITY CHURCH

Out of the **WHIRLWIND**

WEEK 2: THE ART OF SHOWING UP AND SHUTTING UP

JEREMY BELL, TEACHING PASTOR

JOB 2:8-13 NIV

8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. 9 His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining in your integrity? Curse God and die!" 10 He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. 11 When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. 12 When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. 13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

JOB 13:4-6 NIV

4 "You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you! 5 If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom. 6 Hear now my argument; listen to the pleas of my lips."

JAMES 1:19 NIV

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

ALL IN, TOGETHER

General Budget

2024 Weekly Budget:	\$10,967
Given February 18th:	\$5,966
Difference:	(\$5,001)

2024 Annual Budget:	\$570,284
2024 Budget YTD:	\$76,769
2024 Given YTD:	\$95,163
Difference:	\$18,394

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BYC February 18th:	\$8,416
BYC Total Given:	\$605,935

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Job's friends hear of his tragedies and come sit with him for a week without saying a word. Why is showing up to sit with a friend during their misery better than a well-intentioned phrase?

Sometimes when we're met with tragedy or hardship, we feel like we need to find the right words to say. Why would it be considered wisdom to say nothing?

Have you ever experienced a time when you wished someone was just present with you instead of telling you what they thought you needed to hear?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

TAKE A STEP:

Practice being slow to speak and quick to listen this week as you encounter others and their trials.

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