

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: SURVIVING SETBACKS.

Intro: As we grow in our relationship with God's will still experience setbacks in our lives. How does our relationship with God make a difference at those times?

1) Experiencing storms in our lives

- a. When the disciples were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee, how did the presence of Jesus make a difference in their lives? Mark 4:35-41 this opening chapter?
John 1:32-33
- b. How did the presence of Jesus make a difference in the lives of Martha and Mary when they were experiencing a storm of loss in their lives? John 11:32-44
- c. How did the presence of Jesus make a difference in the life of a woman who was experiencing a storm of sickness in her life? Mark 5:25-34
- d. What storm had the two disciples just experienced as they walked on the road to Emmaus? How did the presence of Jesus make a difference in their lives? Luke 24:13-24, 25-35
- e. What counsel would you give to someone who is facing a major storm right now?
- f. Share a time when you experienced a storm in your life. How did your relationship with God make a difference during that challenging time?

2) Learning from the testimony of Job

- a. Job was a faithful follower of God who experienced multiple setbacks in his life. What do we know about Job? Job 1:1-5

- b. What setbacks did Job experience?
- c. Job's friends tried to convince him that his troubles were the result of his own sins. According to this inspired testimony, who was the source of these troubles Job was experiencing? Job 1:9-12, 2:3-7
- d. How did Job's wife advise him to respond to these devastating setbacks in his life? Job 2:9
- e. Share a time you were tempted to give up on God when you were facing overwhelming challenges in your life.
- f. How was it possible for Job to make the confessions recorded in Job 13:15 and Job 19:25?

3) Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus

- a. What admonition did the author of the Book of Hebrews give that is especially relevant when we are experiencing storms and setbacks in our lives? Hebrews 12:1-2
- b. What encouragement do you find in the testimony of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:18 and 8:28?
- c. What is the most important lesson you have learned from our study today?

