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DEEP CHRISTIAN THOUGHTS:

• I want to be so full of Christ that if a mosquito bites me it flies away singing there is power in the blood.

BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:

- · Psalm 23:3
- · Jeremiah 31:25
- · Genesis 2:18
- · Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- · Matthew 26
- · I Corinthians I6:18
- · 2 Corinthians 7:13
- · 2 Timothy I:16
- · I Peter 4:I0
- · Job 2:13
- · John I:14
- · Proverbs 18:21
- · Proverbs I5:4
- · Proverbs I6:24
- · Ephesians 4:29
- · Isaiah 55:II

BIBLE STUDY:

· None for this discussion guide.

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- · What are the two ways God refreshes us?
- · How we find refreshment in the "vertical plane"?
- · What are the three spiritual disciplines?
- · How is your prayer life?
- · How do you worship God?
- · How much time do you spend in God's Word?
- Are you a loner or are you a "people person"? Whichever one fits you best, do you still believe you need relationships with other people?
- Do you have close Christian relationships in your life where you can confide your struggles and seek out people to pray over you just like Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- Is it hard for you to pursue relationships with others? Why is that? Do you use that as an excuse to be a "recluse?" If we believe as Christians that life is about relationships, how do you overcome this desire to be alone?
- · What does it mean to be present in the lives of others?



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Why is it significant that Job's friends sat with him for seven days without saying a word?

- When you are in grief, how would you/do you respond when people quote Scripture or tell you, "At least you do not have...[fill in the blank]."? Versus when someone just sits with, hugs on you, loves on you and is just there with you to help carry the burden of grief?
- Do you currently know someone who is hurting? How can you help them?
- What is your initial response when you find out someone is really hurting? They lost their job, their spouse left them, etc... Do you ask them, "What did you do?" While Job was going through his grief, his friends insisted that he must have done some thing to cause all his troubles. But if you read the book of Job, you see that he went through troubles not because of his failings but because of his righteousness.
- Where do you fall, are you one who is all law, legalistic and judgmental or are you all grace and enabling? What is the danger in each extreme? Where did Jesus fall?
- · Why do people have a hard time hearing truth until they have experienced grace?
- Proverbs I8:2I, death and life are in the power of the tongue. What do you speak, death or life? Have you ever heard the song, "Speak Life" by Toby Mac? Listen to it, find its video on YouTube. How does this song speak to you?
- How do you speak to your spouse? Your children? Are your words edifying "according to the need of the moment" or are they critical and sharp?
- · How do you earn the right to speak truth into people's lives?
- · Is there anyone in your life that needs truth (relationship, financial, parenting, eternal, etc...)? Are you willing to step in and be what that person needs (not necessarily what they want)?
- Are you open to people speaking truth into your life? How do you react when people who love you and that you trust speak hard truth into your life?
- Do you look for solid Christians who have been successful in managing their money to guide you financially? What about those with solid Christian marriages to guide you in your relationships? Parenting?