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## NIGHT SEASON

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Job 1:1-22

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalm 30:5, John 16:33, & James  
1:12.

### PRAYER POINTS

Pray for strength for stand through like Job did and wisdom to know what to do that will enable you overcome in your night season.

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In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. - **Job 1:22**

Metaphorically, in the bible, the night often speaks of adversity and affliction; the period when the spirit of wickedness roams unchecked and demon spirits go all out to express their full wrath. Night season is when things go awry, when the unexpected happens, when danger and calamity loom, when you are confronted with impossibility and all hope seems lost. When night falls, the sun hides its face and withdraws its light and everywhere becomes dark. Genesis 8 says, "While the earth remains...day and night shall not cease." This means, night time is one of the cycles of life that we can do nothing about.

'Night' suddenly fell for Job in this passage, the wrath of Satan caught up with him. The bible describes Job as an upright and blameless man, who feared God and shunned evil; however, his righteousness did not immune him from nightfall. This shows that bad things sometimes happen to good people; but, our God can deliver good people out of bad things. Job's night season came back to back – the devil had every side covered; and gave him no breathing space. In one day, Job experienced robbery; natural disaster, lost his livestock, workforce, real estate, children, and ultimately lost his marriage. Night falls, ready or not. It does not book an earlier appointment, never on schedule, not when you have money or expecting it. It is one of the darkest and coldest seasons of life. You can be doing everything right and suddenly experience a night season (e.g. laid off your job, dumped by your fiancé'/fiancée, get a bad report from the doctor, spouse of 16 years of marriage leaves you for a young love, or something worse). However, through Job's experience we can tell that though the night season is often unavoidable, it is surmountable; and just like Job overcame, you can also overcome. Job took a licking but kept on ticking. How possible was that? It was because Job knew what to do in his night season.

Take it from me, 'Nightfalls are not fatal; it is knowing what to do when night falls in your life that determines if the day will break for you, or if the sun will rise again and if the weeping that has endured for the night will usher in joy with the breaking of day.' In fact, it is possible to sail through the 'nightfall' unhurt. You also can trust God to get you out...but you need to know how. What can we glean from Job's experience? Find out in the next episode...