

FOR LOVERS ONLY - LOVE IS NOT CRAZY IV

False assumption IV.

“If I’m spiritual enough, I will have no pain or sinfulness.”

³³ *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33

¹² *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

II Timothy 3:12

I. Dear old Job / Will all my problems just go away as a Believer if I push the right buttons and do the right things?

A. Job’s friends told him it was his fault. (Job 4:6-7)

⁶ *“Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope? ⁷ Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed?”*

B. Job’s friends told him he would be protected from pain if he were truly holy. (Job 8:3-6)

³ *Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right? ⁴ When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin. ⁵ But if you will seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty, ⁶ if you are pure*

and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your prosperous state.

- C. Job's friends told him he suffered because he sinned. If he truly did what was right, he wouldn't. (Job 11:13-15)

¹³ "Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, ¹⁴ if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, ¹⁵ then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear."

- D. Job was told that if he depended wholly upon God, and stayed away from sin, that his pain would go away. (Job 22:21-22)

²¹ "Be reconciled with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you. ²² Please receive instruction from His mouth, And put His words in your heart."

- E. God's response was that this was neither biblical, nor real. (Job 42:7)

⁷ After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."

II. The truth. You will suffer pain; you will sin.

- A. Sinfulness is normal; expect to fail.
- B. Negative feelings are normal, and not sinful, when they arise from sins against you.
- C. We must confess and forsake our sins: envy, jealousy, bitterness, pride, etc.

- D. We must also take our pain, sadness, grief, hurt, abandonment, woundedness, and rejection to God and safe others where it can be loved and healed.
- E. Because God accepts our fallenness, we can, too.
- F. We need not hide anymore.
- G. We can take our fallenness to each other and to God.
- H. In safe relationships, we find healing that leads to love and good deeds.