



## **Day 6: COURAGE TO OVERCOME OUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **Scripture Reading:**

Job 1-2 (ESV)

Job 42:10 (ESV)

### **Observation:**

There probably is not a man alive who has not faced difficulties in one form or another. Whether they be a financial crisis, relationship crisis, health crisis, or an emotional crisis, we all have faced that moment when it seems that the circumstances are against us at every turn. But if we look at Job, from our scripture reading, we find a man whose circumstances make ours look a little smaller and a little less devastating than what he faced. He faced every kind of crisis all at the same time. He lost fortunes, family, all that he had, and in Job 2:7, we find that his own health was in crisis. Despite all he was going through, Job never gave up on God. He had friends who came and sat and wept with him.

When I was going through a rather rough period in my life, I had a friend who came and stood beside me. He didn't say much, but the comfort of knowing he was there brought some relief. Of course, my crisis was caused by my own actions. Anger was ruining my relationship with my wife and daughters. I needed to own up to my own mistakes and admit them and make them right. I first had to get right with God, and then my family. That meant finding the courage to overcome despite my circumstances. Once I came clean, God blessed me, and I have a wonderful relationship with my wife and daughters today, just like Job had at the end of His Book.

### **Application:**

- Describe a time in your life when you went through a difficult circumstance.
- How did you make it through your difficult circumstance?

- Why do you believe you go through difficult circumstances?

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