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## The Kind of Person God Wants to Boast About

(Job 1:1-12)

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It's possible for us to boast in God, but it's not easy to be the kind of person God wants to boast about. In today's passage, God looks at Job's life and praises him, even boasting in front of Satan. What an honorable life it is to be someone's boast. What does it look like to be God's boast?

As you reflect on your life over the past week, share some of your favorite moments of sharing life.

1. What does the Bible say about Job? (v. 1) Job's name means "afflicted," "penitent," and "where is my father?" Like his name suggests, Job lived a life filled with many hardships, but in every situation, he lived as he would before God (coram deo). Have you ever had a time when you decided to live your life "before God"?
2. Job was a spiritual father who wanted to ensure that not only his life but also his children's lives were upright before God. What was Job's faith discipline toward his ten children (v. 5)? What efforts am I making to set my children upright before God? If my children have strayed from their faith, what can I do to restore their faith?
3. The winds of extreme hardship blew through the life of the godly man, Job. The counsel of his friends meant nothing and only hurt his feelings. Job asked God to explain Himself, and God appeared to him personally. What was Job's great confession after meeting God at the end of all his affliction: "I have seen God" (42:5). What should be the believer's attitude toward suffering, considering that suffering affects even those who lead godly lives?

Pray with a holy desire to make our lives and homes a source of pride for the Lord. Pray for the saints who are experiencing difficulties, that they may encounter God deeply, trusting in Him.

There was a man in the land of UZ whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

(Job 1:1)