

# HOPE RESPONSE

## “LIVE” UPDATE

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### DISASTER RESPONSES

Job is the earliest story of disaster given to us by God for our comfort! Job 1 is careful to let us know that it is instigated by Satan. Both in the Garden of Eden and with Job, Satan said that the only reason God's creation praised Him was because He had surrounded them with riches, a "hedge of protection" and good. He claimed that the minute this would be taken away that "he will curse you to your face." Job 1:11 God said "we'll see!"

What were the ways in which disaster came upon Job? Attack by an enemy, theft of all belongings, death of employees, no transportation, a devastating fire and a destroying wind that killed his kids. It goes on to be the loss of health with sores all over his body, and even the rejection of his very wife!

Grief beyond words would overtake anyone with all this! Yet when is it good grief or a danger to be helped?



### APACHE FIRE

A road trip stop for "Hope Responders" to the Apache, turned out to be a divine visit God planned just as a vast fire began driving them from their homes.

### TEXAS FLOOD

We heard at each home of the panic felt at the rising waters, charged with electric current as kids and elders feared to even put hope in God.

### HURRICANE

Puerto Rico crawled from beneath the debris of what some called a "demon" or like an atomic bomb. Many received Christ during our visit, sharing that they saw the "worst" and the "best" in people. God was truly on their minds!

## WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH GREAT SORROW?

Job's friends "when they heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; and they began to weep aloud...no one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was." Job 2:11ff  
"Weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice." Romans 12:15  
Hope Responders ask their story and let them know that they are not forgotten or alone. God is near! Psalm 34:18



Give your suffering to Him! *"Godly sorrow leads to repentance (change) that leads to salvation and leaves no regret but worldly sorrow brings death."*

-2 Corinthians 7:10

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## HOPE RESPONSE IN ACTION!

### 01

House-to-house to have real personal talk! Acts 5:42

### 03

Giving comfort and justice to vulnerable, weak or oppressed. Psalm 71:2

### 02

Hope Stories are His story in your life! Matthew 22:29

### 04

Passing on His comfort with the means He gives you! 2 Cor. 1:3,4



