

# Connect360: Even Faith Needs a Mediator

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- *Lesson 6 in the Connect360 unit "Praise Him in the Storm: When Life Falls Apart" focuses on Job 9:32-35.*

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5-6). It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can remain faithful like Job when bad things happen to us, or when we have been accused falsely. It appears that it wasn't God's time for Jesus to come during Job's life.

Job was not fearful of God. On the contrary, he knew God was his source and his Lord. We see in Job's life that without the hand of God, we will have no fruit in our lives. For us, and above all, without a relationship with Jesus, life is hard. Imagine those who forge through life thinking they are successful or are managing their conflicts on their own.

Job wanted a mediator. He longed for someone who could bridge the gap between him and God. In summary, God gives us a choice; we can be religious or relational.

For this reason, we know for ourselves and share with others that Jesus is the only way to receive salvation. He is our mediator. We do not always understand why we suffer, but we know who controls every aspect of our lives. We have Jesus on the right hand of God, pleading on our behalf. Jesus alone is our advocate, our mediator.

While Job maintained his innocence, he desperately wanted God to remove

his rod from his life. He had no ungodly fear or terror of God. Conversely, the circumstances overtook Job that he believed came from the hand of God (Psalm 39:10). Job did not know God had boasted to Satan about Job's integrity and faithfulness. All Job knew was that he was suffering, and in his suffering, he needed divine help.

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