

Job 32:3

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We all should know the story of Job, if you don't, I would encourage you to read the book of Job, especially the last several chapters, where God steps in and speaks.

But today's verse is not God stepping in yet, but rather a younger man named Elihu.

† ***Job 32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.***

And Elihu spoke up after Job's three friends finished pounding Job with false accusations of being in sin, which Job wasn't, and they were saying that's why Job was struggling with bad things that had happened in his life. And that's where today's verse comes into play.

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When I read today's verses, it brought to mind what we do sometimes when we do not have an answer for someone who is struggling, and that is to go to the assumption that he or she must be in sin that's why they are struggling right now, and in most cases, it's the furthest thing from the truth.

But when we say such things, we make ourselves a god and a judge in the other person's life. Yet God did not call us to judge others when they are struggling with something that's going on in his or her life, especially if we do not know if they are in sin.

Now we know that they are in sin when they are committing such things as sexual immorality, or alcoholism, or drug use, or Porn, or stealing, or lying, etc... Yes we are to confront them on their sin when they do. Not judging them but loving them and telling them what the bible says about the sin that they are in.

But if someone is going through a tough time, maybe losing their job, or a child has died or their spouse says they want a divorce etc... It does not mean that he or she is in sin, sometimes it's things that happen in life because of the initial sin in the Garden. Sometimes it's God allowing it to happen to do a work in their life. But we don't know, but we do know that that a believer is a brother or sister to us, and we are not brought into their life to beat them down, but rather to come along side of them to help them get up and walk again.

Paul said to the Hebrews the same thing, and I think he would say it to us today.

† **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT2)** *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

“*Encourage one another*”, that’s what we are called to do, but when we don’t, we become what Job said to his friends.

† **Job 16:2** *I have heard many such things; Miserable comforters are you all!*

And is that the kind of friend you really want to be, or that you would want someone to be to you?

† **Proverbs 18:24** *A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

† **Proverbs 10:21 (NLT2)** *The words of the godly encourage many, but fools are destroyed by their lack of common sense.*