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Defiant Hope

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Though he slay me, I will hope in him... <u>Job 13:15</u>

Job had no idea what hit him. One day he was enjoying life, and then the next day everything was taken from him. No time to process. No time to heal. No time to regain his bearings. Just a relentless string of tragedies, one after the other. (Including the loss of all of his children!)

But what came next was perhaps the hardest thing to bear. Following the loss of everything, he was then met by his three friends who came (presumably) to comfort and console him. Job was met with one accusation after another. Their theology was simple. Bad things don't happen to good people. Job must have sinned. He needed to repent.

Job knew better. He didn't know why he was suffering so, but he knew he was not guilty of what his friends accused him of doing. And yet he can't deny that God is in control of all. He knows that God was sovereign over all of his suffering. (Indeed, the devil could only afflict Job as much as God allowed him.)

So this righteous sufferer is left with lots of questions in his mind. Why am I suffering? What have I done to deserve all of this? Why has God done this to me?

But in spite of all of the questions he has, one thing remains fixed and unchanged in Job's mind: he will continue to hope in his God. And it is this hope, this DEFIANT hope, that inspires us all!

Father, give us the strength and courage to approach every trial with this kind of faith!

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NEWS & NOTES				
Dec. 9 9:30 am Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Dec. 13- !0-12 pm Saturday Ladies Bible Study	Dec. 13- Holiday Progressive Dinner-sign up sheet is posted Dec. 27 10am- 12:30 pm Families with Young Children Christmas Breakfast	Collection for a single mom and her 4 y.o.	Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,	

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for **Karen Springer's mother** who is now on hospice care. Prayers for all the family.
- *Pray for **Greg Cerminara** who will have knee surgery Dec. 5th
- *Pray for positive results from **Mike Ross**'s endoscopy.
- *Pray for **Anthony Katz** who is recovering from eye surgery
- *Pray for **Audrey Parks** (Nadine's mother) who is dealing with intense back pain. Also for her cousin, **Oliver**, whose wife passed away and for his 3 children and family. Also for Kimberly's friend **Tia**, who had a seizure.
- *Pray for **Nuris** who is in a lot of pain.
- *Pray for those in Jamaica and all affected by the recent hurricane.
- *Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Kia Marsha** recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.
- *Pray for **Pamela Pimpton** who has been dizzy and not feeling well
- *Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant.** Prayers for the whole family also,
- *Pray for **Mary Lou** as she is dealing with back problems and for **Ron Sr**. for his procedure

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments-Judith Gomez, Cohen (Ron's friend), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders.

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you,

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org Week of 11/30/25

Song Leader: Andrew Langalis Lord's Table: Luis Ruiz

Closing Prayer/Announcements:Bruce Post

Usher:Bob Discala Week of 11/23-11/29/25

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