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Is there a time in your life that you would love to revisit? For me, it would be the summers during my elementary school years. They were filled with bike riding, popsicles, ice cream, picnics, and playing with friends. My biggest concern was: "Is it going to rain today?"

Job reminisced about days that were much more consequential than just childhood memories. Job longed for the days when he was in intimate fellowship with God. He began in chapter 29 with the words: "How I long for the months gone by, for the days when God

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JOB 29:2

watched over me" (v. 2). "Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house" (v. 4).

Job recalled God's goodness in his life. Poetically Job states, "My path was drenched with cream and the rock poured out for me streams of olive oil" (v. 6). What a beautiful picture of God's generous love and guidance! God had elevated Job to a place of influence. "When I went to the gate of the city and took my seat in the public square, the young men saw me and stepped aside and old men rose to their feet" (vv. 7–8).

We are given insight into the type of man Job was, a man of kindness and justice. "I rescued the poor who cried for help and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me and I made the widow's heart sing. I put on righteousness as my clothing and justice

was my robe and my turban" (vv. 12 –14).

Job's walk with God was as intimate as a person's walk could be. His service to God was a model for others to follow. Job provides a model for us in our own walk with God.

Go Deeper

As you reflect on your life, how has God blessed you? What can you resolve to do today to pursue God and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?

Pray with Us: Lord, our hearts are full of gratitude for the faithful believers we encounter in Your Word, men and women of God, Job among them. May we learn from them with open hearts, modeling our own walk with You on their example.

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