

# Loss

## I. What have we lost this last year and a half?

A. Freedoms, loved ones, relationships, confidence, trust, respect, health, security, influence, jobs, unity, peace, hope.

B. Job also lost many things.

1. Possessions, Family (Job 1:6-22)
  - a) *He recognized the situation*
  - b) *He blessed God*
2. Health (Job 2:1-10)
  - a) *He pointed out foolish thinking*
  - b) *He understood the "gifts" of God*

## II. What have we gained? What "gifts" has God given us?

A. Perspective, understanding, patience, tolerance, peace, hope

B. What are we fighting for? (LOTR Clip)

1. The good that is in the world is us. (Matt 5:13-16)
2. Do we want each other to succeed? (Eph 4:11-16)

C. Who are we fighting with?

1. We are fighting against selfishness and bad ideas (Phil 3:17-21)
2. We are fighting for each other to be free (Gettysburg Clip)

## III. What are we going to do next?

A. Job's friends

1. They sat with him and were there for him in his tragedy (Job 2:11-13)
2. They listened to him
3. They stuck with him even though they may not have agreed with him

B. Love (Rom 12:9-21)

1. Are we looking out for our friends so we'll see when tragedy strikes?
2. Do we listen our friends' complaints and not only meet them where they are at, but empathize? This isn't necessarily agreeing with them.
3. Do we overcome evil with good? Even the evil we see in ourselves and our friends?