

YOU THINK YOU'VE HAD A BAD?

Dear Friend:

As I write this I am recovering from my fourth cold virus in three months. Fourth! I've never had four colds in one winter let alone in three months! They've all had heavy sinus congestion, achy muscles and some degree of sore throat and cough. I was feeling pretty sorry for myself when I woke up Tuesday morning still only 50% recovered. Then, I read the first chapter of Job! And I thought I've had it bad.

This is what Job lost in one day, all were killed: his sheep, his ox, his donkeys, his camels, his servants, and all his children. You would think that would drive a person far from God, but not Job. Job 1:20 says: "He (Job) fell to the ground and worshipped." Huh? That's right he worshipped. He didn't say "Thank-you God that I've lost everything except my health" (which he does lose in chapter 2), but he worshipped God in the sense that he said; "God you're in control I came into this world with nothing I may go out of this world with nothing."

In my personal prayer time this morning God brought to my mind several people who suffered yet held onto God and even spread his Word. All the disciples died from torture, read Hebrews 11 and you find people of faith tortured. Down through the centuries there were martyrs like Jon Huss, Joan of Arc and John Wycliffe – all died for their faith. In the past 60 years we can point to Jim Elliott (martyred missionary) and Dietrich Bonhoffer (shot in a Nazi prison camp). Mother Teresa didn't die for her faith but she voluntarily suffered.

If you ever hear me say I've had a bad day just say' " Really?"

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Please Pray For: Missionary of the month: Mike & Heather Slagle (CRU),

Events: Thursday, Feb. 13 11:30 am Women's Fellowship Luncheon & Meeting

Friday, Valentine's Day

Those Serving Sunday: Bulletin Greeter – Mavis Baker

Welcome Center – Sunil Bhat

Coffee Hostess – Bonnie Boone

Deacon Greeter – Donna Clickenger/Debbie Dean