

## With Friends Like These (i.e. Us)

Job selections

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### I. Silence is golden - and costly



2.11-13: *When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their*

*homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.*

### II. Chatter is tinny - and cheap



#### App 1:

John 9.1-3: *As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.*

8.4 (B): *When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.*



22.4-5 (E): *Is it for your piety that he rebukes you and brings charges against you? Is not your wickedness great? Are not your sins endless?*

11.13-15 (Z): *Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear.*

#### App 2:

### III. Bearing is best - and hardest

42.7-8 (G): *"I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has....My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has."*



6.21 (J): *...you see something dreadful, and are afraid...*

Is. 53.4: *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...*

Col. 3.13: *Bear with each other...*

Rom 12.15: *Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn...*

1 Cor 12.26: *When one part suffers, every part suffers with it...*