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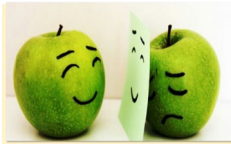
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Their \_\_\_\_\_ of Job was wrong

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- It is possible to make people feel \_\_\_\_\_ by what we say or do

God calls upon His people to \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thes 5:14; 1 Thes 4:18; Gal 6:1-2

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Never offered to \_\_\_\_\_ with Job

Accused Job without knowing all the \_\_\_\_\_

Never invited Job to come \_\_\_\_\_ with them

Never offered to rebuild his \_\_\_\_\_ or get

Job back on his \_\_\_\_\_

Never brought him any chicken soup

#### 3. They did not understand the nature of

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#### Being a friend to Someone Who is Hurting

1. It takes some tough \_\_\_\_\_ to do this
2. There are no \_\_\_\_\_ through the valleys
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6. G\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and use them carefully
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