

LESSON 18: JOB 29-31

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| I. | REMINISCING THE PAST | Job 29 |
| II. | LAMENTING THE PRESENT | Job 30 |
| III. | DEFENDING THE FUTURE | Job 31 |

Truth #1: I can honor God with my **past**—whether it was (mostly) tranquil or troubled.

Truth #2: Sometimes God, my Intimate Friend, *feels* distant in my **present** challenges.

Truth #3: I can't secure my **future** based on my works, (but God has secured my **past, present** and **future**.)

Notes:

*"Lord, I **choose to look beyond my past and present troubles** in this life—this temporary life—and fix my eyes on the unseen things that will last forever. I praise You for the eternal glory these things are piling up for me as I **choose to trust You**."* -Ruth Myers (31 Days of Praise)

Intimacy....a settled assurance that God is *with* me and *for* me even though my feelings and circumstances may seem to deny His commitment to our relationship. It is trusting Him and His promise to never leave me or forsake me. It is knowing that He is with me in the reality of my life. It is not expecting some continual emotional assurance that He is my friend. -Cynthia Heald