A GOOD START Job 42:2-6

Three Readers: (T/M) The Text Master, M-1 Job M-2 The Lord

- M-1 Good morning. My name is ______ and today I am reading the part of Job.
- M-2 Good morning. My name is ______ and today I am reading the part of the Lord.
- T/M- Good morning. My name is ______ and today I will be serving as your Text Master.

Our Living Word passage of the day is taken from Job 42:1-6... Then Job answered the Lord and said, "I know that Thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from Thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not...

- M/1- Lord, I give up. You win.
- M/2- I don't need to win, Job. We've never been in competition. You just needed to quit.
- M/1- Quit? I didn't know I was fighting You. I thought I was pretty good... well, until the last four chapters of this story.
- M/2- That's what I mean. For 38 chapters you thought you were pretty good and we had to deal with that. I know that you might expect Me to say I'm sorry about how I brought you down, but I'm not sorry about anything. I have never done anything that wasn't the best for you... especially when I brought you down.
- M/1- Well, I'm sorry that I was so arrogant. I actually thought I had You figured out.
- M/2- I don't need you to figure Me out. I don't need you to do anything. You need to take Me as I am and that's enough. That's all.
- T/M- Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will speak: I will demand of Thee, and declare Thou unto me. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee...
- M/1- Lord, I'm sorry. I thought I got it, but now I know I had much to learn.
- M/2- And I'm very proud of you for learning it, Job.

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T/M- I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee: wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

- M/2- Yes, My child, I'm very proud of you for having learned.
- M/1- It was not an easy lesson.
- M/2- What was not? What is it that you learned?
- M/1- Don't You know?
- M/2- Of course I do. I know *everything*... but you need to say it. You need to get it out. You need to make it concrete for yourself and for all of the universe to witness. I don't need you to tell Me... <u>YOU</u> NEED TO TELL ME.
- M/1- I learned that I'm not as good as I thought I was. I learned that I'm actually pretty rotten, too.

M/2- Job.

M/1- Yes, Lord.

M/2- Job, it's just like I told Satan 41 chapters ago... I think you're about the best and I'm *very* proud of you.

T/M- I repent in dust and ashes.

May God build this lesson of His Word in each of us today.