

Daily Devotion For March 28, 2023

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We live in a nation of hurting people. Yesterday we heard the news of another tragic shooting in which a 28 year old woman killed three, nine year old children and three adults. At times like that, what can you say to the grieving parents? What can you say to the family members?

In the book of Job, we see how Job's three friends came to visit and upon seeing his suffering, 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."

King Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3:7 "**There is A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;**" Solomon said that there is a time to be silent. Often times the best response to another person's suffering is silence. Sometimes as we visit a suffering individual we think that we have to say something "spiritual" or give an insight to suffering. However, Job's friends demonstrate that what a person needs most is just the empathetic presence and listening ear of a friend.

Thought For The Day: How do you respond to the suffering of a friend? When it is appropriate to speak and when is it appropriate to remain silent? To whom can you lend a listening ear to this week?

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for those who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch. Deo Volente.