

This sample demonstrates faith-sensitive editorial work focused on clarity, narrative flow, and theological integrity. The original draft was intentionally reflective and repetitive, then edited to preserve the writer's voice while strengthening structure, tightening argument, and improving reader engagement for faith-based audiences.

Before (Excerpt)

Faith That's Unshaken And Unbowed

Someone once asked: "What is faith unless it is tested?" and not to be glib, I too want us to ponder that question. Then answer this one - "How can you truly claim to be a man/woman of faith when you have not endured gut wrenching sorrows that gave you justification to let go of your faith but you chose not to.

Consider Job's wife - I know culture vilifies the poor woman whose words of advise to her husband were "curse God and die!" But, before we put on our holier than thou caps, let us ponder her situation for a minute.

We speak of the loss and the suffering that Job endured as though he experienced the loss all by himself. Job and his wife both lost 10 children all on the same day. Think about it they had to bury their 10 children simultaneously and had to go back to a lifeless house once full of laughter and activity.

They also lost 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 donkeys that were either stolen or destroyed, not to mention their servants who were murdered during the raids. In an instant, this couple's identity and status was gone - vanished without warning. Then she wakes up to a husband covered in painful boils, wreathing in pain. The woman was gob-smacked. She was forced to endure intense sorrow within such a short period and must have felt that God had forsaken her family.

With all this in mind, surely her words to her husband was a very human response to a deeply devastating period of loss. Her faith tethered as her entire foundation was shaken.

After (Edited Excerpt)

Faith That Is Unshaken And Unbowed

Someone once asked, "*What is faith unless it is tested?*" It is indeed a question worth sitting with. Perhaps an even harder question follows: how do we claim to be people of faith if we have never endured sorrows severe enough to justify letting go, yet chose not to?

Scripture does not present faith as something ornamental. More often, it reveals faith as something proven—tested under pressure, refined in fire.

This brings us to Job's wife, a woman history has not treated kindly. Her words to her suffering husband— "*Curse God and die*"—have often been quoted as evidence of spiritual failure. But before judging her too quickly, it is worth pausing to consider what she endured.

Job did not suffer alone. In a single day, both he and his wife lost ten children. Together, they buried their sons and daughters and returned to a home once full of noise and laughter, now silent. They also lost their livelihood: thousands of animals stolen or destroyed, servants killed in violent raids, their identity and status erased without warning. Then she woke up each morning to a husband covered in painful boils, writhing in agony.

It is not difficult to imagine that her words were not born of rebellion, but of grief that caused her foundation to be violently shaken. And yet, when restoration came, Scripture never tells us that Job took another wife. One could argue that though her faith was shaken, she too emerged unbowed.
