

## Good Intentions; Wrong Method of Counsel

*Job 5:1-27*

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**Introduction:** Eliphaz desires that Job will find a way out of his suffering and be restored to God. Fearful that Job's attitude manifested in chapter 3 will lead him into more trouble, Eliphaz appeals to him to get right with God. To encourage him to do this he's going to employ an ancient tactic. The tactic this friend uses is none other than manipulation. Although his intentions were good, his method of counsel was flawed. This counsel has an ominous diabolic ring to it (1:9; 2:4). This tactic is the world's solution to fixing problems and changing people. The sad thing about this tactic is that it has infiltrated Christianity. Our text this evening contains a prevalent problem for all of us to heed. Many of us will use manipulation to try to accomplish God's work, instead of solely relying on God's word.

### **I. An Appeal to Admit One's Sin** (vs. 1-7)

A. There's no mediator for the unrepentant (vs. 1-2)

B. Man brings trouble on himself (vs. 3-7)

### **II. An Appeal to Seek God** (vs. 8-27)

A. Because of His Greatness (vs. 8-16)

B. Because of His rewards (vs. 17-27)

**CONCLUSION:**