

Job 38:1-13; 40:1-5; 42:1-6

Series – The Beginning of Wisdom

Message – Learning from God

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- “Does Job fear God for nothing?” (Job 1:9)
- The book of Job is less about explaining human suffering and more about how we _____ to God even in the most difficult seasons of life.

God Speaks

- Job 38:1
- The Lord spoke to Job out of the storm, _____ to mean that the Lord had been in the storm with Job the entire time.
- Job tried to force God’s hand so that God would _____ vindicate him or denounce him. God did neither.
- Job wanted answers. God asked _____.
- “Job, if you can’t understand how I govern the physical universe, do you think you can understand how I govern the moral universe?” (Bill & Will Kynes, Wrestling with God, p.181).
- The glory and grandeur of God suddenly _____ Job’s suffering.

Naming the Real Enemies

- God helped Job see _____ than his own tragedy.
- In the ancient Near East, Behemoth and Leviathan represented not big physical creatures but the swirling forces of _____ and _____ that only God could control.
- In the Book of Job, God invites us to see the world through his eyes, and he _____ our real enemies in this life.
- Behemoth & Leviathan (Job 40:24, 41:1)
- God is not the enemy, and he has all our real enemies _____ his thumb.

Job’s Comfort and Ours

- “God redirects our question from why God allows suffering to persist, the answer to which is different in each situation and beyond our comprehension in most. Instead, he directs our attention to whom we must trust in every situation, and why this God can sustain our hopes” (Bill & Will Kynes, Wrestling with God, p.186).
- John 16:33
- Both your _____ struggle and your final struggle are covered. God’s got it.
- God invites us back to Him and _____ everything necessary to move forward in life with Him.
- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60
- God knows what He’s doing _____ when we don’t understand what God is doing.

Reflection Questions

1. Do you feel as if God has spoken to you “out of the storm” of life you were experiencing? If so, please share that experience with the group. What did you sense the Lord was saying?
2. It’s almost as if deep suffering tries to put blinders on us so that we see only our pain and not God’s glory. Do you feel that you have experienced that reality? Share with the group what that was (or is) like.
3. Have you found a practice that is helpful to you as you seek intentionally to turn your eyes to Jesus even in the worst of times? What is that practice?
4. Do you find it easy or hard to trust that God knows what He’s doing even if you don’t understand what God is doing. Why do you think that is?
5. What was the most challenging part of this message for you?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What is your next faithful step?