

## Sermon Outline

Sunday, April 26, 2020 – April Wrap Up

Intro – Monthly wrap up. Please pray about this becoming a lay space in the future.

### Monthly Wrap Up –

- Palm Sunday – review of Exodus - God has been present in the wild places since the beginning. Tried to call us back there even in the Exodus story
- Jesus comes to restore balance and again reminds us that nature is on point (the rocks) when we are not (Palm Sunday)
- Good Friday – Jesus is willing to suffer to save us, and In the midst of all of his suffering he kept his eye on the big picture
- Easter Sunday – Jesus didn't show up with the typical rituals, in the right places or to the "right people" – he brings resurrection to the most marginalized places & people
- Earth Day Sunday – Jesus came to restore balance. Nature has never lost sight, only people. We can learn from nature and we must transform our relationship with nature to restore the balance

### Exegesis of Job – Digging into this passage a little more

- Context of Job – really faithful man who God had blessed immensely
- Devil says – Job wouldn't be so faithful if you hadn't rewarded him so much
- God allows the Devil to test Job
- He loses 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 cows, 500 donkeys; then a band of raiders kill all of his servants, then a tornado kills his 7 sons and 3 daughters. First people feel bad for him but then his wife curses him out and his friends say – either you must have done something wrong or God is not good.

### Key Points –

1. Job doesn't hesitate to keep it real about his situation and laments. And there is nothing wrong with that – but he doesn't stay there
2. And yet he still follows the lead of nature in remembering that God holds the world
3. He says that God doesn't owe him anything – but he has faith that if he is steadfast God will intervene for him.

In the end God restores everything and more to Job and everyone has to eat their words. Mother Earth has been having a Job-like experience at our hands and now she is getting a break. What will it take for us not to be the source of her suffering?

### Core Questions –

- In the midst of this moment. What do you need to lament in your life/the world?
- What would it look like you to be faithful to God even in the midst of your suffering?
- Nature has been suffering under us for centuries. What would it look like for us not to be her tormentor any longer? Imagine what would be different if our relationship were to be transformed? (Feel free to draw or write a poem about your answer to this.)