

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** If God is really in control, why do bad things happen to Godly people? How can an Almighty God who is good, allow so much suffering in the lives of those He loves? Why does it often feel like evil is winning, darkness is prevailing, and God isn't answering our desperate prayers for rescue. What could we possibly learn from all this? This is a Study of God's Sovereignty, People's Suffering, and the Salvation of the Redeemed.

**There's nothing more sure in life than suffering,  
and  
There's nothing more shaping in life than suffering.**

**Satan is convinced that Christians will quit trusting God when we suffer.**

**The most sacred space for worship is found while suffering without answers.**

**Job 38:1-5; 8-11; 18-25; 35; 39-41; 39:5-6; 40:1-5; 6-14; 42:1-10 (ESV)**

**Three things Job wants:**

- **Some Consolation.**
- **An Explanation.**
- **Total Vindication.**

**You'll never have peace with God until you let God be God.**

**Five Lesson's Learned from Job's Journey:**

- **Satan wants to destroy your trust in God's goodness, nearness & faithfulness.**
- **Be careful when quickly assuming you know why others are suffering.**
- **Unexplained suffering is an opportunity to deepen your trust in God.**
- **God wants you to tell him everything you're feeling when you suffer.**
- **Jesus suffered, not to prevent our suffering but to preserve us through it.**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Of the *Five Lessons Learned from Job's Journey*, which one had the biggest impact on you? Explain.
- 3) Is there suffering in your past (or present) that you are still waiting for God to give you some answers about? Have these sermons helped your perspective? Explain.
- 4) Read Job 42:1-6. Have you ever experienced peace and calm with God after a time of repentance and total surrender? How did you come to that place of humility?
- 5) Who can you encourage this week who is going through suffering? What can you share from what you've learned from Job that will bring comfort?