

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

FOR LIVES OF FAITH



A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky cliff. The house has several windows and a chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. The ocean is visible in the distance, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun is visible on the horizon. The text "Story of Job" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, serif font.

Story of Job

“Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.’ In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.”

Job 1:20-22

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Perspectives



BARON STEUBEN

Satan

Why do people follow God?

“Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

Job 1:10

Wife

Is faith worth it?

**“Then his wife said to him,
““Do you still hold fast to your
integrity? Curse God and die!””**

Job 2:9

3 Friends

Who sinned?

**“Remember now, who ever perished
being innocent? Or where were the
upright ever cut off? Even as I have
seen, Those who plow iniquity And
sow trouble reap the same.”**

Job 4:7-8

Job

Why is this happening?

“If only someone would listen to me! Look, I will sign my name to my defense. Let the Almighty answer me. Let my accuser write out the charges against me. I would face the accusation proudly. I would wear it like a crown. For I would tell Him exactly what I have done. I would come before Him like a prince.”

Job 31:35-37

Elihu

Could suffering have other purposes?

“That they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the whole earth. He causes it to come, *whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy.*”

Job 37:12-13

A small, white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is on the left side of the frame. The beach is covered in large, dark rocks. The ocean is in the background, with waves breaking on the shore. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Job's Shift Chapter 28

**“And to man He said,
‘Behold, the fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom,
And to depart from evil is
understanding.’”**

Job 28:28

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God's Answer

God

Can you understand the wisdom
behind creation?

**“Where were you when I laid the
foundations of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.
Job 38:4**

**“Shall the one who contends
with the Almighty correct Him?
He who rebukes God, let him
answer it.”**

Job 40:2



Job's Realization

**“Then Job replied to the LORD:
‘I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.
You asked, ‘Who is this that questions
my wisdom with such ignorance?’
It is I—and I was talking about things I
knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.’”**

Job 42:1-3 (NLT)

**“I had only heard about you
before, but now I have seen you
with my own eyes. I take back
everything I said, and I sit in dust
and ashes to show my repentance.”**

Job 42:5-6 (NLT)

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,”

Philippians 3:10

**“and the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 4:7

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