

Week of July 2, 2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 6, Pt. 1

Sermon: Making Sense When Life Does Not

Text: Job 1-42

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: When you lose hope, hope in God

1. Warfare can dim your Hope. (1-2)
2. Wisdom illuminates your Hope. (3-37)
3. Redemption is the foundation of your Hope. (19:25-27)
4. Worship brings your Hope into focus. (38-42:6)
5. Welcome is the outcome of our Hope. (42:7-17)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Job 1:6-12 and 2:1-7. We do not know if this kind of interaction which God allowed Satan to have with Him just happened in the Book of Job or if this happens often.
 - However, what are some things we can learn about Satan from Job 1-2? See also John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2, 6:11, 1 Peter 5:8, and Revelations 20:7-8.
 - Also, from Job 1-2, what do you notice about God? Read 1 John 4:4. How does this bring you comfort, security, and motivation?
2. Read Job 1:20-22 and 2:9-10. Notice the period at the end of the Biblical Truth above. Notice that it does NOT read: "When you lose hope, hope in God for _____."
 - For what reasons do you hope in God?
 - What are you trying to gain?
 - Are you hoping in God to get Him or to get something else?
3. Read Job 19:25-26. Ultimately *looking to Jesus* was driving Job's hope. Job might not have known exactly what it would look like, but ultimately he was looking forward to when Jesus would "stand upon the earth". Now the only way we can overcome sin, suffering, and death is to look back 2000 years ago to when Jesus stood upon the earth and look forward to when He will come again.
 - Is looking to Jesus your first reaction during times of guilt, suffering, and shame?
 - If not, how can you make it your default?
4. Elihu speaks of God's power & majesty in chs36-37 and then God speaks of His own greatness in chs38-41.
 - How is knowing who God is the best way to know who you are and the perspective you should have?
5. Read 42:10-17. God would eventually bless Job with more than he had before. Go back to 1:20-22 & 2:9-10.
 - Do you think Job was thinking about a possible ch42 blessing in those ch1/ch2 moments?
 - How can you remain faithful to worship God (*without conditions*) even during the worst moments?