

2026-04-15 Points

Title: But God: Learning Humility and Faith Through Job's Suffering

Sermon Summary:

This sermon concludes the book of Job, emphasizing the transformative power of seeing God's greatness in the midst of suffering. The pastor explores how Job's journey from complaint to humility mirrors our own spiritual growth. The central message is that focusing on our pain intensifies it, but focusing on God magnifies His greatness and sustains us through trials. God challenges Job's limited perspective by displaying His creative power through the behemoth and leviathan, leading Job to repent in humility. The sermon emphasizes that God doesn't always remove our suffering, but He works everything—even catastrophes—for good. The ultimate lesson is that true faith means trusting God's sovereignty, serving others even when wronged, and maintaining a posture of humility that allows God to lift us up in due time. The restoration of Job demonstrates God's grace and ability to redeem our darkest seasons.

Key Points:

- The more we focus on our pain, the worse we feel; the more we focus on God, the greater He becomes
- Job accused God of injustice, but God responded by revealing His power and wisdom through creation
- We cannot clothe ourselves in glory or execute judgment—only God has that authority
- God created magnificent creatures (behemoth and leviathan) to demonstrate His unmatched creative power
- Job's humility and repentance came when he stopped hearing about God and actually "saw" Him
- Friendship with the world is hatred toward God; we must choose whom we will serve
- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble—a simple yet elusive promise
- Job prayed for his accusers, and God accepted his prayer and restored him doubly

- We should not dwell in the past but focus on God's present provision and future promises
- The greatest miracle is sharing Christ with others, even through our suffering
- "But God" is the turning point that changes every difficult circumstance

#### Scripture Reference:

- Job 40:10-42:17 (primary focus)
- James 4:1-10 (friendship with the world, humility before God)
- 1 Peter 5:1-7 (clothe yourselves with humility, cast anxieties on God)
- Acts 2 (reference to the early church being in awe of God)

#### Stories:

- The pastor's hectic day including a last-minute funeral and various pastoral calls
- Joel Rogers facing hospice care and breathing difficulties
- The pastor's brother Mark telling their sister "you are a bag of ice" instead of making her one (illustrating our inability to change things by our own power)
- Reference to Corrie Ten Boom and Holocaust survivors whose faith influenced even their captors
- The prodigal son receiving robe, ring, and shoes (illustrating God calling Job His servant as an honor)
- Balaam and the talking donkey (illustrating God's protection on treacherous paths)
- Job's friends bringing him silver and gold rings after his restoration
- Job receiving double his possessions and living 140 more years, seeing four generations
- Personal reflection on high school athletes who constantly dwell on past glory days