

Job 23:1-10

Have you ever been in a place
where you couldn't find God?

In what ways do we search for
God?

What things block our ability to
find God?

Job's Last Defense

Chapters 27-31

What I Learned

Job 27, 28

Suffering has allowed Job to grasp
several deep truths about life

Psalm 119:71

The side affects of suffering

- ✓ Reminds us how very fragile life really is
- ✓ Take each day as a blessing and a gift – do a little bit of your last day everyday

The side affects of suffering

- ✓ Reminds us how much we are *NOT* in control of things
- ✓ Reminds of us of our absolute dependence on God – 27:1-13

The side affects of suffering

- ✓ Forces us to pause and reassess the priorities our lives
- ✓ Forces us to look and search for God

The side affects of suffering

- ✓ Causes us to focus on the things of God
- ✓ Gave Job a better sense of wisdom and understanding –
28:12-28

Wisdom = looking at life from
God's point of view

Understanding = responding to
life's struggles and challenges as
God would have us respond

Truths Job has learned

- ✓ Seeing life from the perspective of God's power, control, Word is the only way to survive
- ✓ Walking in integrity is the only way to live
 - ✓ Evil happens but it never triumphs

Job Reflects on His Life

Chapters 29-31

Job's Journal

29: Remembers his past glory

30: Reflects on his present struggle

31: Reaffirms his personal integrity

Lessons Learned

- Remembering past glories gives us a reason to rejoice – Psalm 103
Phil. 4:4; I Thes. 5:18

Lessons Learned

- Reflecting on present struggles forces us to be humble – Deut. 8:2
James 4:10; Jer. 49:16

Lessons Learned

- Reaffirming our commitment to integrity strengthens us with confidence and courage

Elihu's Four Speeches

Job 32-37

Elihu admittedly speak out of anger
to Job but makes two true points...

1. God disciplines to turn us from
the error of our ways

2. God is always just, fair, and
in control

First Speech – 32 & 33

God has not been silent – but His
message is not always as we
expected

Second Speech – 34

Rises in anger because Job won't
respond
vs. 31-37

Third Speech - 35

Accuses Job of having impure motives in his piety

Fourth Speech – 36 & 37

- ✓ God watches over the righteous
- ✓ When the righteous sin, God let's them know/feel it

Fourth Speech – 36 & 37

- ✓ If they respond to the rod of discipline they will be restored
- ✓ If they persist they will suffer the consequences: pain, reprobate

Weakness of Elihu's Argument

- He takes too long to say nothing new
- He comes across as a pompous know-it-all
- He never acknowledges that there are some things he doesn't know for sure

Eliu does turn Job's attention to
God who will finally speak

