

Sermon Guide for May 4, 2026

**Sermon Title:** “Have you considered Job?”

**Primary Text:** Job 1:1-2:10

Check out the “Suggested Resource” page on our new Sermon Series bulletin!

As we began our study together in the book of Job, Pastor Zach reminded us that the book is the first of the “Wisdom” literature series and through evocative language encourages the reader to not only *think* about the truths of scripture but to *feel* them...and no book does this better than **JOB!** We *should* feel upset when we see the great calamity that befalls Job and his family, just as we should let the “uncomfortable-ness” of knowing God is sovereign in the middle of things we ourselves feel is unfair. As with Job, there may be a “heavenly” perspective we do not get to see when trials come!

Frequently, we see **James 1** as a reference point for trials... God may be using what we go through to bring about steadfastness in our faith. That should give us comfort, but even if we never see an earthly benefit it does not change God’s complete authority over our own suffering. Like Job, we should be driven to **worship** knowing that in plenty *and* in suffering we are still called to **worship**. Job isn’t the only wisdom book that shows this – the **Psalms** are full of examples where the author worships God, acknowledges (sometimes even complains about) his trial, but ends with a return to the worship of the sovereign God.

**Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:**

James 1

Genesis 6:5, 8-9

Daniel 6:5

Isaiah 55:8-9

**Questions to Consider this week:**

- Have you considered that scripture calls us to **feel**, not just **think**? Consider the passage from Sunday. How does Job’s suffering make you **feel**?
- Think of the times in your own life where you have gone through a period of “suffering.” Were you able to worship God through it then? Are you able to now?
- We believe that God is truly **sovereign**, meaning he has the final authority *and* power over events in our lives. How does that “Help” you in your walk through difficulties? How will that shape your prayers moving forward?
- Take five minutes to think through the areas God has allowed difficulty in your life. Are there still questions you ask as to why? How does knowing **Job** didn’t get an answer to the “Why” question help your own prayers and worship?

**Guided Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, Your word has shown us from Genesis to Revelation that you are sovereign over all... but I recognize I don’t always feel that. Help me this week to remember that no matter what I’m going through, no matter what I feel, You never stop being the God who loves me, redeems me, and strengthens me for the tasks You have ordained for my life. Help me not only know these things, but help me feel them... and even if not, help me declare to those around me “Blessed be Your name.” -AMEN*

**Song for Personal Worship:**

“It is Well With My Soul (Acoustic/Live)” (Matt Redman)

<https://youtu.be/aoRecgllNlw?si=uBcTcs7mADnkBdUH>