

Sermon Title: “Sovereign Over Suffering”

Primary Text: Job 38-42

At last we hear God speak to Job, answering His questions. As we discovered on Sunday, God’s answer doesn’t speak to “Why” Job suffered in the way he wanted but called on Job to rest in the “Who” is in control. As God worked through creation – which is at once powerful, majestic, and even sometimes a little wild and untamed – we saw that God is sovereign over *everything*.

That helps us when we think about our own suffering. True, some of the challenges we face each day are a result of our own actions. But the important thing God wants us to know from His word is that no matter what we find ourselves struggling through, the God who is sovereign over all creation (from the foolish ostrich to the stars to the mighty Behemoth and Leviathan) is sovereign over our own lives.

As we reflect on the entire book of Job, we see that the testing of a righteous man, a man who lived with integrity, really wasn’t about Job. Through the calamity, the mourning, the arguments, the defenses, and even through God’s voice itself we see that God is powerfully in control, that He can be **trusted** when His purposes. He can be trusted in the midst of our storms, and ultimately we cling to his **Grace** and **Mercy** shown fully at the Cross.

Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:

1 Peter 3:18 John 8:19 Psalm 8:4

Questions to Consider this week:

- Pastor Zach simply read through scripture at the beginning of the message. What impact does **hearing** the Word of God have? How can you incorporate that into your own study?
- “You can’t have intimacy with God from a second-hand relationship.” (Tara-Leigh Cobble) In what ways have you been relying on a “second-hand” relationship (exclusively through other authors/sources/songwriter)? What steps can you take this week to foster more intimate times with God?
- How does understanding who **God** is help you see who **You** are?
- This week on Saturday join us in praying for the Church, Community, and School. Even if from home, as you pray ask God to soften your heart to those around us here in Fall Creek.

Prayer

*Lord Jesus, we confess that we are often more concerned about “why” a problem is affecting **us** than **Who** is in control of the storm. We thank You for what You have revealed to us through **Job** this summer, help me remember it as we start the new school year. In my own personal quiet time with You, give me the patience to let Your Word speak before I start trying to apply it to my life. Remind me, no matter what I’m reading, that You are sovereign over all. -AMEN*

Song for Personal Worship:p

“Trusted” (Meredith Andrews)

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