



NEVER THE SAME

JOB

Job 1; 2; 38:1-4; 40:1-8; 42:1-3,5

Go Deep Study Guide • Pastor Bob DuPar • May 10-16, 2020

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read the passages above. Try comparing two different translations.

What has been your greatest struggle as it relates to the problem of evil or suffering? Explain. How have you found perspective and hope?

Is it disturbing or alarming to you what God allows to happen? Why? Or, why not?

Discuss the fact that whether evil is attributable to Satan, a fallen/sinful world, or God's permissive will – it still doesn't diminish our pain or hurt in the moment of our suffering.

Talk about the difference between seeking *reasons/answers* vs. focusing upon *God's purpose*.

Discuss the following quote :

"Reason looks at an isolated event; purpose looks to the big picture. Reason is fixated on the present; purpose looks down the road to future outcomes. Reason insists on an explanation; purpose says let's get on with it. Reason hangs on to the event; purpose hangs on to God, who is at work in it all!"
Pastor Bryan Wilkerson

What did Job learn about/from his trials and suffering? What can we learn? What did you find most helpful in the sermon with respect to this?

Discuss the following quotes:

"Above all, I've tried not to 'waste' the pain that God allows in my life, but to let the pain drive me to Him, not away from Him. And, to be thankful in all circumstances."
Jill Briscoe

"Christ did not come to do away with suffering. He did not come to explain it. He came to fill it with his presence."
Paul Claudel (French Poet, 1868-1955)

What does Scripture say about what/who we're becoming? How is this comforting to you ?

Application

Reflect upon **Romans 8:18-21** (preferably in the NLT version/translation)

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.



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Worship: **Britney Christian Miller**

Song List

Graves into Gardens
All Creatures of our God and King
Goodness of God
Another in the Fire
Take Courage

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Pastors and Elders are available to provide prayer and biblical guidance.
If you would like to speak to someone, email or call to arrange a time.

A complete Elder & Staff contact list are available on our website contact page.

General Fund Financial Update thru May 3, 2020

Contributions	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses
\$171,913.34	\$177,752.08	\$166,802.06

Offering for 5/3/20	Weekly Needs
\$9,780.00	\$9,884.62

Fund Balances thru March 31, 2020

General	Benevolence	Building
\$79,395.09	\$3,214.31	\$39,144.73

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INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

- What God Allows

- What We Learn

- What We Become

CLOSING COMMENTS

