

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Executive Pastor Terry Feix continued teaching in the book of Job, looking at chapters 36 and 37 where Elihu takes the focus that has been on Job and what could be causing his current trouble, and turns it to God. Elihu doesn't blame God, but he reminds Job that God is consistently two things: God is all-powerful, and God loves him. Either of those truths on their own would not be comforting. A god that is all powerful without being rooted in love, becomes tyrannical. A god that is full of love yet doesn't execute power is enabling, and not helpful. But Job's God, our God, is both equally. God gives meaning to our suffering, is with us through trials, and overcomes the world. We have the advantage of history to know Job is restored and redeemed in the end. That is not only Job's story. That is our story. Regardless of our current circumstances, God will be victorious. Our suffering, (past, present, and future), is not meaningless. God will use all circumstances for good. Jesus promises we will endure suffering in life, and he serves as proof that God is powerful enough and loves us enough to not let pain and suffering have the last word in our lives, but instead, to give meaning and purpose to that pain, redeem our circumstances, and raise us to new life in victory.

SCRIPTURE – JOB 36 AND 37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out today from Terry's message?
2. Take a few minutes to summarize the first 35 chapters of Job:
 - a. Who is Job?
 - b. How does God allow Satan to test Job?
 - c. What advice does Job get?
3. Read chapters 36 and 37. Elihu turns the focus from Job to God. What are some of God's attributes, abilities, and motivations Elihu highlights and reminds Job of?
4. A god who is all-powerful but not rooted in love is a counterfeit god. Counterfeit gods are controlling for the sake of control. What are some of those gods you see in culture, or even in your own life?

5. What difficult circumstances are you facing right now? With knowing God is both all-powerful and loves you completely, ask yourself:
 - a. What can God do with this?
 - b. Can I trust God?

6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Tell God why you can trust him with your life, both good and bad. Be honest with trials you face, your thoughts and feelings, and ask God to be with you and show you his love and mercy. Ask God to remind you of his redemption and restoration in your life in the past, to increase your faith in present trials, and thank him for the end of the story – purpose for good, and new life.