



## A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

# Job

### Background

- Job is the first of five "\_\_\_\_\_ " books. These books are the heart of the Old Testament.
- The book of Job is unique in several ways: It is set in the land of "Uz," far from Israel. The key characters are not from Israel. There is no clear historical setting.
- The human penman is unknown. Many scholars believe that Job lived during the time of Abraham. If Job penned it, it is the oldest book in the Bible.
- The theme of *theodicy* dominates the book. How do we reconcile undeserved suffering with a God who is all-powerful and just?

### Roadmap

#### 1. Prologue: Job's Disaster (1-2)

- A. Job's Character (1:1-5)
- B. Job's Calamities (1:6-2:10)
- C. Job's Comforters (2:11-13)

#### 2. Discourse: Job's Dialogues (3-42:6)

- A. The Lament of Job (3)
- B. Three Cycles of Debate with Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (4-31)
- C. Elihu Speaks (32-37)
- D. God Speaks (38:1-42:6)

#### 3. Epilogue: Job's Deliverance (42:7-17)

### Landmark

The theme of Job is "\_\_\_\_\_ God's Wisdom in Suffering." Pain presents problems that are not easily solved. Suffering is an invitation to trust God when we cannot understand Him.

### Must See

- Like the Lord Jesus, Job was an innocent sufferer who retained His integrity (2:9), hoped in a resurrection (19:25-26), and prayed for his enemies (42:10).
- The Lord Jesus is the Daysman (or mediator) that stands between God and men (9:33) (1 Tim. 2:5).

### Takeaway

1. Walk \_\_\_\_\_ around broken hearts.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ more on the greatness of your God than the greatness of your troubles.
3. Faith is not primarily about \_\_\_\_\_, it is about trust.

## Thematic Outline

### 1. We often \_\_\_\_\_ (1-2)

- A. Job's Character (1:1-5)
- B. Job's Calamities (1:6-2:10)
- C. Job's Comforters (2:11-13)

### 2. We sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (3-41)

*Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar represent*  
Conventional Wisdom

God is Almighty and just → He rewards the  
righteous and punishes the \_\_\_\_\_ →  
Job must be sinful.

*Elihu*  
Progressive Wisdom

God is Almighty and just → Punishment  
may not be His only purpose for suffering  
→ Job has sinned by accusing God

*Job*  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ → My suffering is not  
just → God may have purposes for my  
suffering and I demand to know them.

*God*  
I am Almighty and Just → I am also  
infinitely \_\_\_\_\_ → The basis of your  
trust is not your understanding of your  
circumstances; it is mine.

### 3. We can always \_\_\_\_\_ (42).