

## Job week 4

### Job's perfect storm - job 30, 40, 42

**Perfect Storm** - “An event where a rare combination of circumstances will aggravate a situation drastically.”

**Today's Question:** What happens when life gives us that “perfect storm”?

#### Job 30:15-23

- <sup>15</sup> Terrors overwhelm me;  
my dignity is driven away as by the wind,  
my safety vanishes like a cloud.
- <sup>16</sup> “And now my life ebbs away;  
days of suffering grip me.
- <sup>17</sup> Night pierces my bones;  
my gnawing pains never rest.
- <sup>18</sup> In his great power God becomes like clothing to me<sup>[a]</sup>;  
he binds me like the neck of my garment.
- <sup>19</sup> He throws me into the mud,  
and I am reduced to dust and ashes.
- <sup>20</sup> “I cry out to you, God, but you do not answer;  
I stand up, but you merely look at me.
- <sup>21</sup> You turn on me ruthlessly;  
with the might of your hand you attack me.
- <sup>22</sup> You snatch me up and drive me before the wind;  
you toss me about in the storm.
- <sup>23</sup> I know you will bring me down to death,  
to the place appointed for all the living.

#### Job 36:33-37:2

- <sup>33</sup> His thunder announces the coming storm;  
even the cattle make known its approach.
- <sup>1</sup> “At this my heart pounds  
and leaps from its place.
- <sup>2</sup> Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice,  
to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.

#### Job 38:1

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm.

**1. A perfect storm of suffering will OVERWHELM you.**

Psalm 13:1

<sup>1</sup> How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

**2. A "perfect storm" might drive you away from God/fatih.**

Job 1:8

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish memoir:

*I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity*

**3. God is revealed in the worst moments of our suffering.**

Job 40:1-10

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Job:

<sup>2</sup> "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?  
Let him who accuses God answer him!"

<sup>3</sup> Then Job answered the Lord:

<sup>4</sup> "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you?  
I put my hand over my mouth.

<sup>5</sup> I spoke once, but I have no answer—  
twice, but I will say no more."

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm:

<sup>7</sup> "Brace yourself like a man;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.

<sup>8</sup> "Would you discredit my justice?  
Would you condemn me to justify yourself?

<sup>9</sup> Do you have an arm like God's,  
and can your voice thunder like his?

<sup>10</sup> Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor,  
and clothe yourself in honor and majesty.

Job 42:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Then Job replied to the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> “I know that you can do all things;  
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’  
Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me to know.

<sup>4</sup> “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.’

<sup>5</sup> My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have seen you.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore I despise myself  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

Matthew 6:33

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.