



“WHY God?”

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“The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

5 “If I have walked with falsehood or my foot has hurried after deceit— 6 let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless— 7 if my steps have turned from the path, if my heart has been led by my eyes, or if my hands have been defiled, 8 then may others eat what I have sown, and may my crops be uprooted. 9 “If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor’s door, 10 then may my wife grind another man’s grain, and may other men sleep with her. 11 For that would have been wicked, a sin to be judged. *Job 31:5–11 NIV*

8 “But you have said in my hearing— I heard the very words— 9 ‘I am pure, I have done no wrong; I am clean and free from sin. 10 Yet God has found fault with me; he considers me his enemy. 11 He fastens my feet in shackles; he keeps close watch on all my paths.’ 12 “But I tell you, in this you are not right, for God is greater than any mortal. *Job 33:8–12 NIV*

14 For God does speak—now one way, now another— though no one perceives it. - *Job 33:14 NIV*

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, 16 he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, 17 to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, 18 to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the word. *Job 33:15–18 NIV*

19 “Or someone may be chastened on a bed of pain with constant distress in their bones, 20 so that their body finds food repulsive and their soul loathes the choicest meal. 21 Their flesh wastes away to nothing, and their bones, once hidden, now stick out. 22 They draw near to the pit, and their life to the messengers of death. *Job 33:19–22 NIV*

29 “God does all these things to a person— twice, even three times— 30 to turn them back from the pit, that the light of life may shine on them. *Job 33:29–30 NIV*



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“There is no one good, but God alone!”

Mark 10:18 NIV

I will ascribe justice to my Maker. *Job 36:3 NIV*

22 “God is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him? 23 Who has prescribed his ways for him, or said to him, ‘You have done wrong’? 24 Remember to extol his work, which people have praised in song. 25 All humanity has seen it; mortals gaze on it from afar. 26 How great is God— beyond our understanding! *Job 36:22–26 NIV*

14 “Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God’s wonders. *Job 37:14 NIV*

Living with wisdom is trusting God to see what I cannot.

Trusting God is the Decision to Let Him Make the Right Incision (Not the least painful one).

For your LifeGroup and personal growth...

1. Have you ever been frustrated, confused, or angry with God? If so, talk about why. What was the cause or catalyst behind those feelings? How did you process or resolve them over time?
2. Skim and review Job 32-37. Elihu plays an important role in the story of Job as someone who shakes the narrative up and reminds Job and his friends about the unsurpassing greatness of God. Who has been important to you in your faith journey in terms of pointing you toward and reminding you of the greatness of God when you’ve walked through those dark valley moments of your life?
3. Review Job 38-41 as God finally speaks. God’s words remind Job and all of us of just how great and powerful He is. When you look at the creation around you, what makes you awestruck? What humbles you? What is beautifully complex in your eyes? Why?
4. Read Job 42:1-6 as Job utters his final reply to God after dozens of chapters demanding an opportunity to plead his innocence to God. How would you describe Job’s demeanor or state-of-mind now? Why do you think Job responds this way?
5. The end of Job’s story involves him receiving everything he once had, twice over. In what ways do you see parallels between Job’s story and your own story? (Hint: remember the Resurrection!) Why do you think it’s important we live with eternity in mind, especially when we are enduring pain and hard seasons?

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