

Church of the Valley
The PPE of Faith - Leads me to the truth of suffering
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JOB'S SIMPLE QUESTION...."WHY DOESN'T GOD TELL ME WHAT IS HAPPENING?" (WE ALL CAN RELATE TO THIS ESPECIALLY WITH THE PROTESTS AND RIOTS WE ARE WATCHING EVERYDAY)

Job 42:1-6

THEN JOB REPLIED TO THE LORD:

2 "I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS; NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.

3 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.

4 "YOU SAID, 'LISTEN NOW, AND I WILL SPEAK; I WILL QUESTION YOU, AND YOU SHALL ANSWER ME.'

5 MY EARS HAD HEARD OF YOU BUT NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU.

6 THEREFORE I DESPISE MYSELF AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES."

1.) KNOW THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO DEAL WITH OUR SUFFERING.
"I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS;..." JOB 42:2

2.) KNOW THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND THAT HIS DIVINE PLAN WILL BE FULFILLED.
"... NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED." JOB 42:2

3.) KNOW THAT OUR MIND IS FINITE BUT GOD IS INFINITE.
MY EARS HAD HEARD OF YOU BUT NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU. JOB 42:5

4.) GOD USES OUR SUFFERING TO CHANGE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIM,
THEREFORE I DESPISE MYSELF AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES." JOB 42:6

LIFE QUESTIONS?

1.) It is one thing to know facts about God but something totally different when you experience or encounter Him. During this time of shelter in place how has God revealed Himself to you? How has your life changed by that encounter?

2.) What is at least one tangible action that you can take to come alongside of someone that is going through a tough time?

3.) What is your faith in action step relative to the current racial tensions in the U.S.? What will Jesus do? Guess what? We are His voice, hands, and feet - we can not be idle.