

Wednesday - March 31

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?"

Job 40:6-9 (ESV)

Like so many other, I have had moments and experiences of doubt, discomfort, pain, and hopelessness. These are the times I find myself most drawn to God and His Word.

The book of Job is a book I have read through several times and have been lucky enough to go through with a few different study groups. This book is synonymous with suffering. Much of this book is Job lamenting and there is so much to dig into here, but I have found amazing renewal in the last few chapters of this book when God challenges Job. God puts things into perspective. His words are incredibly powerful and a bit difficult, but the perspective God provides grants me immense peace, hope, and renewal.

God allowed Job to question and cry out to Him through the entire book and now finally responds. He puts Job back in his place. God essentially asks "Who are you to think you can understand all that I am and all that this world is? Do you think you understand enough to judge me?" Wow. To me that is the story of our relationship with God. Do we think we know better? Do we think we understand the reason some things happen while others don't? God communicates to Job that we cannot understand it all and that he is ultimately in control. This is the place where I find hope and renewal; in knowing that God is all powerful and that I do not need to understand. I only need to trust Him. And this is where I find my joy, hope, and peace.

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Prayer: Dear God, Help me to rest in your sovereignty. Help me to seek you more and to trust you. Amen.