



“WHEN WILL IT END?”

Series: “WHEN LIFE HURTS”, Part 2 of 3

Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Super Bowl Sunday

Text: Job 2-37

Big Idea: When pain persists, we can learn lessons and grow spiritually in ways that we might never learn or experience otherwise.

Job 19:17a, “My breath is offensive to my wife.”

Job 2:11, When Job’s three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him.

Job 2:12-13, When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Job 3:1-4, “After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.”

Job 3:11, “Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?”

Job 3:26, “I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”

Job 4:8-9, “As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it. At the breath of God they are destroyed; at the blast of his anger they perish.”

Job 8:1-4, Then Bildad the Shuhite replied: “How long will you say such things? Your words are a blustering wind. Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right? When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.”

Job 9:11, “When he passes me, I cannot see him; when he goes by, I cannot perceive him.”

Job 11:1-6, Then Zophar the Naamathite replied: “Are all these words to go unanswered? Is this talker to be vindicated? Will your idle talk reduce men to silence? Will no one rebuke you when you mock? You say to God, ‘My beliefs are flawless and I am pure in your sight.’ Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom has two sides. Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin.”

Job 12:1-2, Then Job replied: “Doubtless you are the people, and wisdom will die with you!”

Job 13:4-5, “You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you! If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom.”

I. PROLONGED PAIN REMINDS US OF HOW INADEQUATE MERE HUMAN COMFORT CAN BE.

II. PROLONGED PAIN MAKES GOD FEEL DISTANT, BUT HE’S CLOSER THAN EVER WHEN WE HURT.

Job 23:8-9, “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.”

III. PROLONGED PAIN LEAVES US DEVOID OF ANSWERS BUT HANG ONTO HOPE ANYWAY.

Job 7:6, “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to an end without hope.”

Isaiah 40:31, “But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”