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"WHAT DID I LEARN?"

Series: "WHEN LIFE HURTS", Part 3 of 3 Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Job 38-42

Big Idea: God richly rewards those who remain faithful to Him through difficult and painful situations.

I. LEARN TO PERSONALLY EMBRACE THE UNEXPECTED.

Ecclesiastes 7:14a, "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other."

Job 42:1-2, Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted."

A. God can bring good out of bad.

B. Suffering can really test the reality and quality of our spiritual life.

1 Peter 1:6, "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" {NASV}

Ephesians 3:10, "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms."

II. LEARN TO PATIENTLY LIVE WITH THE UNEXPLAINED.

Job 42:3a, "You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?'"

Job 42:3b, "Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."

III. LEARN TO PROBE THE UNDISCOVERED.

Job 42:5-6, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."

Job 42:6, "Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Job 42:10-11, After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

Job 42:12, The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

Job 42:13, And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:16-17, "After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years."