

message

HUMILITY IN THE DARKNESS

FINDING GOD IN THE DARKNESS | JOB 29-37 | MARCH 5/6, 2016 | PASTOR WILL BRANCH

How great is God—beyond our understanding!

The number of his years is past finding out. (Job 36:26)

Job's Closing Argument (Job 29-31)

Pride in Former Glory

Current State of Despair

Pride in His Righteousness

Job's Conclusion: *"...I have done no wrong...yet God has found fault with me."* (Job 33:8-10)

Elihu's Interjection

Job & Co. lack Understanding

Job's Defense is Wrong

God & His Ways are Right

Elihu's Conclusion: God's ways are beyond understanding.

Our Conclusion

Suffering does not always equal _____

God's Silence does not mean _____

Humility does not put _____

God does not _____

study guide

1. Take some time to discuss what the message was about today.
2. What is something that you took away from the message?
3. Reading through Job, you'll notice that both Job's and his friends' statements have nuggets of truth to them, as well as faulty thinking about themselves and God. Make a list of some of the following found in Job 29-35:
 - Truths about Job
 - Falsehoods about Job
 - Truths about God
 - Falsehoods about God
4. Why do you suppose it's so easy, knowing our own depravity, to falsely accuse others and God, while justifying ourselves?
5. In what way are you tempted to believe something falsely about God?
6. In what areas in your life are you experiencing suffering? Where do you see suffering around you?
7. In Job 36-37, Elihu is the opening act of the grand finale in which God speaks. How does Elihu's response speak into suffering?
8. In closing, spend some time speaking praises to God out of scripture and pray for people you know whom are experiencing suffering.