

The Book of Job

(6) It's Not About Me!

JOB 42:12a...

The Lord **blessed** the **latter part** of Job's life **more than the former part**.

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JOB 38:1-3...

Then the **Lord spoke** to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? **Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.**

Vss 4-7...

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone - while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Vss 16-18...

"Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

Vss 34-38...

"Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water? Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, 'Here we are'? Who gives the abyss wisdom or gives the rooster understanding? Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens when the dust becomes hard and the clods of earth stick together?

39:1-4...

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you count the months till they bear? Do you know the time they give birth? They crouch down and bring forth their young; their labor pains are ended. Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds; they leave and do not return.

40:15-16...

"Look at Behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength it has in its loins, what power in the muscles of its belly!

**STOP FOCUSING ON THE SIZE... OF... YOUR... PROBLEM... (And...)
START FOCUSING ON THE SIZE... OF... YOUR... GOD!**

MATTHEW 22:34-38...

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**' **ALL the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**"

1. THE CHURCH!

MATTHEW 16:18...

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build MY CHURCH**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Better Question...

WHY... DO YOU LOVE THE CHURCH?

*We can view the **CHURCH** as **ONE** of **TWO** things...*

*As a **RESTAURANT**... or as a **FAMILY**...?*

1 PETER 4:10...

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

ARE... YOU... INVOLVED... IN... THIS... CHURCH?

2. THE COMMUNITY!

IT DOESN'T MATTER SO MUCH WHAT HAPPENS "IN HERE"...
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY... WHAT HAPPENS "OUT THERE!"

JESUS didn't call us to **RETRACT** ourselves **FROM** the **COMMUNITY**...
He called us to **IMPACT** those around us **IN** our **COMMUNITY**!

JOHN 17:15...

*My prayer is not that you take them **OUT** of the world
but that you protect them from the evil **IN** the world.*