



**Title** | The Purposes and Navigation  
of Our Suffering, Part 3  
**Series** | Suffering Embraced  
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# Sermon Notes

Job 38:4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? 12 Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, 13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?”

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## Big Idea:

Psalm 38:4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.” ESV

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read Job 1:1-2:13. Job's suffering was unexplained. To what extent have you experienced suffering that seems senseless? To what extent has this made it difficult to trust God?

### Tuesday:

Read Job 38:1-41:34. In response to Job, God offers no explanation, no apology, no sympathy, and no encouragement, but instead asks hard questions. How do you feel about God's approach? Is it loving?

### Wednesday:

Read Job 3:3, 11; 10:8; 14:19-20; 40:8. Job had an attitude of entitlement. He seemed to think that because he had done no wrong, then God must have done him wrong to allow such suffering in his life. He thought he deserved better. To what extent have you had an attitude of entitlement?

### Thursday:

Read Job 1:8; 2:3. Job is described as an extraordinarily godly man. God describes him as "my servant." What does that tell you about who struggles with suffering?

### Friday:

Read Job 40:3-5; 42:1-17. Job repents of his attitude of entitlement. What are the characteristics of his repentance? How does God respond? What is the significance of God describing Job as "my servant" both before and after Job's struggles?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, there is so much suffering in this world and my life that I don't get. It's beyond me, and it bothers me. Please forgive my attitude of entitlement. Lord, I don't get it, but you do, and you've got me. Thank you. Amen.

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