

A new perspective on suffering.

(Job 38-42)

God knows what was, what is, and what will be.

- 1. God's viewpoint on our suffering is drastically different from our own.**
 - a. God knows His creation intimately. (Job 38:1–40:2).
 - b. God knows how he designed the world to function. (Job 40:6-41:34)
- 2. God is God...Forgetting that fact is dangerous.**
 - a. We like to think that we are in control, but life has a way of reminding us that we are not. (Job 40:3-5)
 - b. God is always seeking to restore. (Job 42:10-17)

Questions for Discussion and Application:

1. What is dangerous about believing that we are in control?
2. How does Job change his perspective on his suffering?
3. How can knowing that God knows our past, our present, and our future be an encouragement to us?
4. How does God's promise of eternal restoration (1Peter 5:10) encourage you to live your life today?