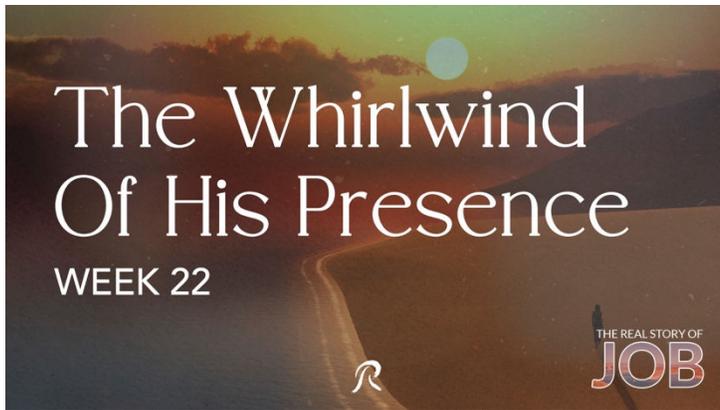


SERMON NOTES 2/21/26



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1. In **Job 38**, God answers Job from the whirlwind. Throughout the bible we see examples of the whirlwind. God brought Elijah into heaven in a whirlwind, God appeared to Ezekiel in a whirlwind, a wind came through the upper room in Acts 2.
 - a. While it may appear as violent wrath, let us not dismiss that it is a display of God's manifest presence NEAR to us.
 - b. Whirlwind is best translated from the Aramaic text "roar of the groaning spirit". So the power of the whirlwind is a picture of getting swept up in the groanings of His voice - overwhelmed by His presence and leaning in to His voice that is so near
2. God goes on to ask Job "who are you to question me". God did not expect Job or his friends to know the answers, but He does expect that we all know that things are hidden in Him and HE is the one we should seek, not simply the answers,
 - a. We try to lean into our reasonings than get lost in God's reasonings that we may not understand. That is why we see in **Proverbs 3:5** to not lean on our understanding, but to seek God's will and He will show us the path to take.
3. God's path is that of the "ancient path" in Jeremiah 6:16. When we walk this path, we find rest. Ancient path, or the "Olam" path in Hebrew, means "eternal and timeless". The ancient path is likened to the most ancient path, which is when Adam and Eve walked with God in **Genesis 3**. When they realized they were in sin, they walked out of the path and created their own.
 - a. Ancient path doesn't mean it has to look old, it means that it is not caught up in the patterns of this world, **Romans 12:2**. It is a path that supersedes patterns and all of our understanding. It is a path of faith and holiness that brings rest.
4. Throughout Job 38 and 39, God asks many questions that Job could not answer. The answer to all of the questions were simply "the answer is God".
 - a. When we seek God we will find all answers in the goodness of His presence.
 - b. When we are caught in the whirlwind of presence, all worry and striving falls and peace and rest enter in, walking in the ancient path of seeking God and walking with God.
 - c. We get too caught up in knowing times and seasons when if we seek God in the ancient path , He will lead us into all appropriate times and seasons.
5. Leaning in to God's ways will re-define all of our definitions. For example, we all have a definition of comfortable, but we must allow God to define comfort in that He is comfort (**2 Corinthians 1:3-5**). Faith is daring to believe that His comfort is better.