

**Sermon Notes and Scripture passages for**  
*"How to develop a demanding spirit"*  
**Journey of Job sermon series**  
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**SERMON NOTES:**

**Introduction** - "How did it go from Job 1 to Job 38?"

Today's Message in **THE JOURNEY OF JOB:**  
*"How to develop a demanding spirit"*  
*Job 4-37*

**Job started very well**

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Job 2:9

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Job 6:1-3, 8-9

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**"If only I could get my day in court with Him . . ."**

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**"If only there were justice. . ."**

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**Job expects to win his case...**

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**. . . but then realizes he won't**

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**"I have been wronged, and I will have my day in court!!!!"**

Job 26:1-5

Job 31:35-37

**Application** - *"How NOT to develop a demanding spirit."*

1. *We are prone to a demanding spirit*
2. *Pour out your heart, but don't demand*
3. *Cling to Jesus for hope, by the tools he has given us*

Scripture Passages used (NIV)

**How did it change from...**

Job 1

"Have you considered my servant Job? There is no-one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Job 38

1 ¶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: 2 "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? 3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

**Job started very well**

**Job 1:20-22**

<sup>20</sup>At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup>and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." <sup>22</sup>In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

## **Job 2:9**

<sup>9</sup>His wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!”  
<sup>10</sup>He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

### *The reality of pain sets in*

#### **Job 3:1-4, 11-12, 23-26**

<sup>1</sup>After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup>He said: <sup>3</sup>“May the day of my birth perish, and the night it was said, ‘A boy is born!’ <sup>4</sup>That day – may it turn to darkness; may God above not care about it; may no light shine upon it...”

<sup>11</sup>“Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb? <sup>12</sup>Why were there knees to receive me and breasts that I might be nursed?”

<sup>23</sup>“Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? <sup>24</sup>For sighing comes to me instead of food; my groans pour out like water. <sup>25</sup>What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. <sup>26</sup>I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”

### *Pain is fertile soil for a demanding spirit*

#### **Job 5:6-8 (Eliphaz)**

<sup>6</sup>“For hardship does not spring from the soil, nor does trouble sprout from the ground. <sup>7</sup>Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward. <sup>8</sup>But if it were I, I would appeal to God; I would lay my cause before him.”

#### **Job 6:1-3, 8-9**

<sup>1</sup>Then Job replied: <sup>2</sup>“If only my anguish could be weighed and all my misery be placed on the scales! <sup>3</sup>It would surely outweigh the sand of the seas – no wonder my words have been impetuous.

<sup>8</sup>“Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant what I hope for, <sup>9</sup>that God would be willing to crush me, to let loose his hand and cut me off!”

### *The start of a demanding spirit . . . excessive complaining*

#### **Job 7:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>“Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again. <sup>8</sup>The eye that now sees me will see me no longer; you will look for me, but I will be no more. <sup>9</sup>As a cloud vanishes and is gone, so he who goes down to the grave does not return. <sup>10</sup>He will never come to his house again; his place will know him no more. <sup>11</sup>Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.”

### *If only I could get my day in court with Him*

### **Job 8:5-6 (Bildad)**

<sup>5</sup>“But if you will look to God and plead with the Almighty, <sup>6</sup>if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your rightful place.”

### **Job 9:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Then Job replied: <sup>2</sup>“Indeed, I know that this is true. But how can a mortal be righteous before God? <sup>3</sup>Though one wished to dispute with him, he could not answer him one time out of a thousand.”

### **Job 9:14-15**

<sup>14</sup>“How then can I dispute with him? How can I find words to argue with him? <sup>15</sup>Though I were innocent, I could not answer him; I could only plead with my Judge for mercy.”

### **Questioning God's integrity**

#### **Job 10:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup>I will say to God: Do not condemn me, but tell me what charges you have against me. <sup>3</sup>Does it please you to oppress me, to spurn the work of your hands, while you smile on the schemes of the wicked?”

### **Full Blown Demanding Spirit now present in Job**

#### **Job 13:13-19**

<sup>13</sup>“Keep silent and let me speak; then let come to me what may. <sup>14</sup>Why do I put myself in jeopardy and take my life in my hands? <sup>15</sup>Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.”

<sup>16</sup>“Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless man would dare come before him! <sup>17</sup>Listen carefully to my words; let your ears take in what I say. <sup>18</sup>Now that I have prepared my case, I know I will be vindicated. <sup>19</sup>Can anyone bring charges against me? If so, I will be silent and die.”

### **If only there were justice...**

#### **Job 19:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>“If indeed you would exalt yourselves above me and use my humiliation against me, <sup>6</sup>then know that God has wronged me and drawn his net around me. <sup>7</sup>Though I cry, ‘I’ve been wronged!’ I get no response; though I call for help, there is no justice.”

### **Job expects to win his case...**

#### **Job 23:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Then Job replied: <sup>2</sup>“Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. <sup>3</sup>If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say. <sup>6</sup>Would he oppose me with great

power? No, he would not press charges against me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright man could present his case before him, and I would be delivered for ever from my judge.”

... but then realizes he won't

**Job 23:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>“But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases. <sup>14</sup>He carries out his decree against me, and many such plans he still has in store. <sup>15</sup>That is why I am terrified before him; when I think of all this, I fear him.”

“I have been wronged, and I will have my day in court!!!!”

**Job 26:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>And Job continued his discourse: <sup>2</sup>“As surely as God lives, who has denied me justice, the Almighty, who has made me taste bitterness of soul, <sup>3</sup>as long as I have life within me, the breath of God in my nostrils, <sup>4</sup>my lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit. <sup>5</sup>I will never admit you are in the right; till I die, I will not deny my integrity.”

**Job 31:35-37**

<sup>35</sup>“Oh, that I had someone to hear me! I sign now my defense— let the Almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing. <sup>36</sup>Surely I would wear it on my shoulder, I would put it on like a crown. <sup>37</sup>I would give him an account of my every step; like a prince I would approach him.”

Quite a bit different than what Paul teaches in Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.