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Center Point Baptist Church
"Why Am I Suffering?"
Job: 38:1-3
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Job's unimaginable experience of sufferings.
Job's vindicated.
Job blessed.

I. Why suffering?
   A. Sometimes it is for the glory of God.
      1. Job
      2. Blind man in John the 9th Chapter
      3. Christian martyrs
      4. Not all suffering is a sign of sin and judgment
   B. Sometimes it is our own fault.
      1. We disobey laws of nature and we reap what we sowed
      2. We disobey laws of society and we reap
      3. We disobey the laws of God and we reap
      4. Sometimes people feel they have gotten away with something but God will not be mocked
      5. God's judgments are sure and everlasting
      6. Your only hope is call upon the Lord accepting His salvation
   C. Even Christians suffer in this life when they get out of line and slip into sin.
      1. A lot of people don't want to believe this
      2. The Bible has a lot to say about God's chastising his people Hebrews 12 has a lot to say of this and why God does it
      3. Gold is more valuable when the impurities are removed and we are more valuable to God and the Kingdom when the impurities are removed
      4. Does the Lord chastise you when you get out of line?

II. Suffering can be a blessing to all people.

A. The Lost

1. When you begin reaping what you have sown you realize the Devil has lied to you
2. It can humble a person and make them realize they need God
3. It could lead to your salvation

B. Christians sometimes suffer unjustly

1. Jesus suffered because He did the work of God
2. We are not greater than our Master and will sometimes suffer for the Kingdom's work
3. In the Sermon on the Mountain Jesus said great is your reward in heaven
4. Suffering on earth can make us a better person
   Like the diamond that is cut and polished has more value so we are shaped into a better person through these hard experiences in life
5. Suffering can be for us a stepping stone to a better life like it was in Job's Experience