

THE FORERUNNERS

LIVING FOR AND POINTING TO JESUS



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Series Description

Before Jesus turned up 2000 years ago there are countless recorded stories of people who loved God and were trusting Him to provide someone who would save them and make everything right that had gone wrong in the world. In this series we're going to be taking a look at some of the people in those stories as they ran before Jesus.

Forerunner Characters

Job by Goff Hope
Joseph by Toby Skipper
Elijah by Marcus Tutt
and others

Recommended Reading

[Job by Charles Swindoll](#)
[Joseph by Charles Swindoll](#)
[Elijah by Charles Swindoll](#)

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Title: Job part 1: God, I do not understand...

Speaker: Goff Hope

Bible Reference: Job Ch 1-3

Overview

We all sense all is not quite right in the world. There's much that's beautiful, enjoyable etc but we're aware it can easily be lost, broken. As we get older we can lose our childlike innocence -bad things happen to good people; why? Job asks wheelchair questions, not armchair questions. How can we cope with this, keep faith as Christians when we face painful circumstances?

Main points

- Firstly, The Book of Job shows us: 1) We have an unseen enemy who is real. 2) God sometimes allows him to afflict us. 3) God can turn those things to good, pointing us and those around us to Him.
- Second, Job went through loss, bereavement etc. and his response was amazing: he mourned and worshipped! How do you do that? He didn't *deserve* his suffering, nor did he *understand* his suffering **but he knew too much about God** to turn away or curse Him.
- What did he know? That God is the creator and a good giver of gifts. That he is faithful (Noah, rainbow). We know much more because ... (READ *2 Corinthians 4 v6* 'The miracle of becoming a Christian'.)
- Thirdly, Job points us to Jesus, because he too was rich but made himself poor, destitute, forsaken, dying on a cross, so that we could become rich, with life and hope for the future. (*2 Corinthians 8 v9*)

Questions

- What do you do when tough moments come? What's your first reaction?!
- Have you a sense of wonder about God's creation, or have you be robbed by science? When did you last gaze at the stars? (There are 70,000 million, million, million stars in the visible universe!)
- Have you ever had a sense of wonder about knowing Jesus? Can you identify with *2 Corinthians 4 v6*? Share your stories
- What steps could you take to grow as a worshipper? What stops you?!