

POV

WHERE POV BEGINS

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BIG IDEA

The right POV is shown through our response, not our starting position or the resolution.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Job 1-2; 38-42

1. Let's start by thinking about our POV.
 - a. At what age did you surrender your life to Christ? What were the major factors that influenced your POV at that point in time?
 - b. How has your POV changed over time?
 - c. What are the greatest influences on your POV?
 - d. Are these influences the best influences? Why or why not?
2. What major life events have impacted your POV? Why did it/they have such an impact on you?
3. Job 1 and 2 describe the encounter between the satan and the Lord something Job did not know and never discovered. Would knowing the reason for his suffering have made it easier or harder for Job? How should this reality influence our expectations when we ask the Lord, "Why?"

Note: Pastor Craig said 'the satan' because the definite article is used before each appearance in the book. This cautions us from associating this figure too clearly with the New Testament Satan. In the Old Testament, the term 'the satan' describes a function, not a title.
4. Read Job 42:1-3. "If cosmic Justice is God's business, then it is whatever He decides it is." How should accepting justice as God's business influence how we tackle 'injustice' on earth?
5. Have you ever been wronged, waited for justice, and felt aggrieved that it never came? That's Job's experience. How should Job's reactions, described in Job 42:5-6, influence the POV of those who have not experienced resolution to their pain?
6. Pastor Craig suggested that the book of Job teaches us that we can be blameless in a situation but not faultless, especially when our response is wrong. In what situations are you most tempted to react or respond inappropriately?
7. Consider the injustice Jesus experienced by being hung on a cross. Within the context of our POV response theme, what significance should Jesus's words, "Father, forgive them for they know now what they do" have for us when we are mistreated?
8. Read Job 42:10-11, noting that Job prayed for his friends. There's no greater expression of having the right POV when we pray a blessing over those who spoke ill of us or harmed us. Is there someone you need to pray a blessing over?

