



THINK (Job 22:12-30)
LOST sermon series
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BIG IDEA: We think most clearly when we listen most intently.

1. Can I be guided by God? ([Job 22:12-14](#); [Proverbs 16:9](#))

- God wants to be involved in our lives, but He doesn't force His way in, He wants us to stop and consider Him – to listen.
- We can get so wrapped up in the day-to-day stuff of life that we don't really take the time to think and consider what God is doing in our lives and the direction He is leading us.
- As long as life is going good and the path seems clear, we can assume we are on the right path, but eventually God in His love will unsettle us, make us start to question if we've missed something.

2. Will I continue down the same familiar paths that aren't working? ([Job 22:15-18](#); [Proverbs 16:25](#))

- A good reminder is to not follow the same paths everyone else follows, but to intentionally set our own path with God.
- We cannot and should not rely just on our own thinking or the thinking of others to make important decisions.
- Be willing to go whichever way God leads, instead of fighting it and going down the path that may seem to make more sense to us.
- We are called to self-examine, to think calmly and comprehensively with God about what factors have brought us to where we are on our journey.

3. Will I respond as God asks (listen, submit, surrender)? ([Job 22:21-30](#); [Proverbs 3:5-6](#))

- We should listen to God with all our heart; not just hearing God, and leaning not just on our own understanding, but trusting in Him.
- When it's clear, we need to submit to the direction God brings; acknowledge and accept God's path is the best path.
- Let God lead, surrender your plans to Him, don't keep going in the direction you perhaps have been or want to go.
- When we allow God to guide us, we will delight in Him as we succeed and treasure the path He has for us. He will hear us and respond as we pray and God will use us, partner with us, to help more people come to know Him and find relationship with Him.

NEXT STEP: In the areas of life I want to hear from God on, what plans am I willing to make to put myself in a place to listen most intently, submit and surrender

Stop

Think

Observe

Plan

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. This week, Pastor Dave showed us from the book of Job the importance of using a time of quiet rest, removed from the distractions of the world around us, in order to think and consider the things of the past that have led us to where we are today. Read [Job 22:12-30](#). How can you apply this wisdom for Job to your own life?
2. Through the Scriptures, its stories and its wisdom teach us regularly to take moments of self-examination. These times can help make us aware of the sins that get us off track when needed, but also provide opportunities to listen to God for future direction. Read [Lamentations 3:40](#), [Psalm 139:23-24](#), [1 Corinthians 11:28-32](#), [2 Corinthians 13:5](#) & [Galatians 6:4](#), and consider how God is speaking to you. Are you taking the time to get away with God regularly and really think? Or are you just working hard to get somewhere, without really considering if it is where you want to go and the path God wants you to still be on?
3. The Bible says that God routinely is examining you, and that you can ask God to help evaluate your life and the path you've been on. Read [Job 7:18 & 23:10](#) and [Psalm 17:3](#), [26:2](#) & [139:1-6](#), and consider this idea. What do you think God is most examining and wanting to discuss with you about your life currently?
4. [Proverbs 3](#) is a chapter that speaks to trusting in the Lord and His guidance at these times in our lives. Take some time this week to slowly consider its words and how God might speak to you through them.

5. Next week we will see how, once we really take the time to stop to think and listen to God, we can find direction for the future not only by looking to the past but also considering how God is working in our lives and around us in the present. If you would like to look ahead, consider looking at our key passage next week in [Luke 4:1-32](#), considering how God navigated through His test and how you might do the same in whatever tests or questions you are facing.

Online Resources:

- If you ever get lost outdoors, remember to S.T.O.P. [Do you know what it stands for?](#)
- Pastor Dave talked about starting to hike the Grand Enchantment Trail, a 770-mile wilderness trekking route that runs from Phoenix to Albuquerque. Find out more at the [GET website](#).
- Grace has a [FAITH-Filled Vision for the Future](#) — a bold, 5-pronged strategy to stretch ourselves over the next 5 years.