

2026-02-18 Summary

This powerful exploration of Job's story confronts us with a challenging question: what happens when our righteousness becomes a source of pride rather than humility? We journey through Job chapters 30-31, where we witness a righteous man cataloging his good deeds—caring for the poor, helping widows, treating servants justly, avoiding lust and deceit. Yet something is missing. Job's defense before God reveals a subtle trap we all face: the belief that our good works earn us immunity from suffering. The sermon draws a stunning parallel to Philippians 3, where Paul—another man who could boast of flawless religious credentials—declares all his accomplishments to be rubbish compared to knowing Christ. This isn't a call to stop doing good; it's an invitation to examine our motives. Are we serving to get something from God, or are we serving because we're captivated by who God is? The message challenges us to move beyond transactional faith, where we keep score of our righteousness, toward transformational faith that finds its only worth in Christ. As we approach the season of Lent, we're invited to consider what God might ask us to release—not just habits or foods, but perhaps our need for recognition, our spiritual resume, our demand that God reward our goodness. True maturity means forgetting what lies behind and straining toward Christ alone.