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Introduction:

This week Matt concludes a new series called '**The Ride After the Rescue**' with a message titled **Part 3**. What happens in life after you are saved, after you are rescued? What does God want for your life and how do you get there? Now what?

This week Matt is looking at the book of Job. After you're saved, how do you deal with suffering? How do you confront pain, hardship, loss and disappointment? The Bible is messy and today we're looking at one of the messiest books in the Bible. When you are faced with suffering, do you believe that God is enough?

Questions:

Read: Job 1:1; Job 1:13-22; Job 2:7-10

1. How do you respond to suffering in your life? If you're not careful and look around trying to make sense of things, why could you become **Fatalistic**? What happens if you over identify with the suffering? Can suffering become your primary identity? Could that keep you from the future God has for you?
2. The second way that you can respond to suffering is to look around in your life and to believe that it isn't real and to **Detach**. What did Matt say was the danger of this Buddhist way of thinking? How could this have a dangerous impact on your most cherished relationships and the quality of your life?
3. The third way that you could respond to suffering when you look around, is the idea of **Karma**. What does Karma say causes the suffering in your life? Why is

Karma a bad deal, a bad gig compared to God's Grace? What's the difference between Karma and Grace?

4. The final way that you could respond to suffering, as you look around, is to think that suffering is **Meaningless** and **Random**. How can that approach lead to frustration and apathy?
5. How did Job respond to his suffering? What did God do in reply to Job's questions, and why didn't God answer Job? How did God's response say to Job 'I'm God and you're not'? How did God tell Job to stop looking around? **Job 38:4-12**
6. How does the entire message of the Bible boil down to three words? What happened in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day? What happened when God led His people out of Egypt and set up the tabernacle? What was the point of building the temple in Jerusalem? What happened at the incarnation of Jesus? What happened with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What is the promise of God in your suffering and in the mess of life? **Psalms 23:4; Hebrews 4:14-16**
7. Do you believe God is with you in the mess? In the midst of suffering, pain, loss and disconnectedness, what happens when you Look Up? Can it help you to realize that He is God and you are not? Do you trust that even in suffering, God is enough?

Key takeaway: Do you find yourself in a season of life, growing jaded, growing frustrated, growing distant from the Lord, and it's tied to some brokenness, some pain, some heartbreak that you don't understand. It's hard for you to reconcile that God is good. Your heart is growing cold because of the suffering. Decide that you're going to trust Him again, because He's in control and He's with you in the mess. Start by Looking Up.

Summary:

- Becoming Fatalistic because of suffering
- Becoming Detached because of suffering

- Counting on Karma because of suffering
- Deciding life is Meaningless and Random because of suffering
- Job's questions vs God's questions = God puts Job in his place
- God is with you in the mess; God with us; God is enough
- Look up, He is God and you're not