

We need to focus on the same thing that Job did.

- ✓ Job focuses on himself and his own heart.
 - ✓ **Jeremiah 17:9** Why?, partly because we trust it! We will never be able to hack into what's going on in some else's heart.
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Like Job, we need to focus on one thing, that our hearts are right before God. The short list for confession is starting every day by acknowledging His lordship over our lives.

- ✓ **"Life is not a short story, and I am not the star."**
 - ✓ The last time we were together, we looked at the issue of having or thinking that we have God all figured out.
 - ✓ Follow the logic: When I think I have God figured out and that He approves or disproves of the same things that I do, that also implies that I must think just like God.
 - ✓ If I think just like God, then that makes me perfectly capable of judging you. This is where our judgmental attitudes stem from.
 - ✓ We think, "I know God. This is what He would do. This is the way He would act. This is the decision that He would make on these marginal issues in your life."
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- ✓ **"I've got God figured out, so I must have you figured out."**
 - ✓ God is not like us: **Isaiah 40:28.**
 - ✓ **Romans 11:33-34** He may **accept** people I may never accept. That means He may very well **do things** I don't **agree** with, things I don't **like**, and **Allow things** to happen that I will never understand.
 - ✓ Job's friends had God figured out and so did Job, he demanded an explanation, built into that demand is the assumption that God was like him, **reasoned** like him, **thought** like him, on the **same level** as him so that they could have a meeting of the minds.
 - ✓ Isn't that what we want when we want an explanation? Don't we think that somehow that God is our peer? That we can have a meeting of the minds in some form.
 - ✓ Our mind and God's mind are not going to ever meet!
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1. Job demands a meeting of the minds, so God gives it to him, Job 38:1-18.

Job gets a pop test for him to answer since he had God all figured out, he surely had these things figured out, 43 questions over 4 chapters and he couldn't answer a single one.

- ✓ Job's only response is **Job 42:2-3**, "I think I'm just going to shut my mouth now."
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2. It's great to have a God we cannot figure out!

- ✓ When I make God out to be like me: liking what I like, believing what I believe, knowing what I know, approving of what I approve of, I make Him in my image, which has many problems, not the least of which is that He is too small!
 - ✓ I face obstacles bigger than myself, problems that I cannot possibly overcome. If I've lowered God down to my eye level, who is left to help me?
 - ✓ To Figure God out is to limit Him, **Romans 8:31**. I can't figure Him out, but neither can my enemies, but if I can figure Him out, so can they!
 - ✓ We need to understand God as much as possible, but we need to realize that there so much that is not possible. **So much that we** are going to have to **trust Him with**.
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- ✓ We need to realize that there is **a limit to our understanding**, but there is **no limit to trusting Him**.
 - ✓ **Proverbs 3:5-6** God in all His questioning of Job never answers Job's question. He could have! He did for us in Job's book, but He doesn't for Job himself.
 - ✓ God never demands that we understand Him; He does demands that we trust Him.
 - ✓ I don't know about you, but I want a God who is unlimited, with unlimited power, mercy, and grace.
 - ✓ I don't want to figure Him out because if I ever can, I've been chasing after the wrong God!
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