



Hysterical Strength



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Parts of a Story – Falling Action

(Under God) Satan afflicts Job

Job 2:7-8

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

Parts of a Story – Resolution

Job's view of God revealed

Job 2:1-10

⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!” ¹⁰ He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Today's Message:
The Poetry of Pain
Job 2:11-3:26

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Job 2:11-13

¹¹When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. ¹²When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. ¹³Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

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Empathy

“I feel how you feel”.



Sympathy

I know
how you feel.



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- Resist the need to “fix it”

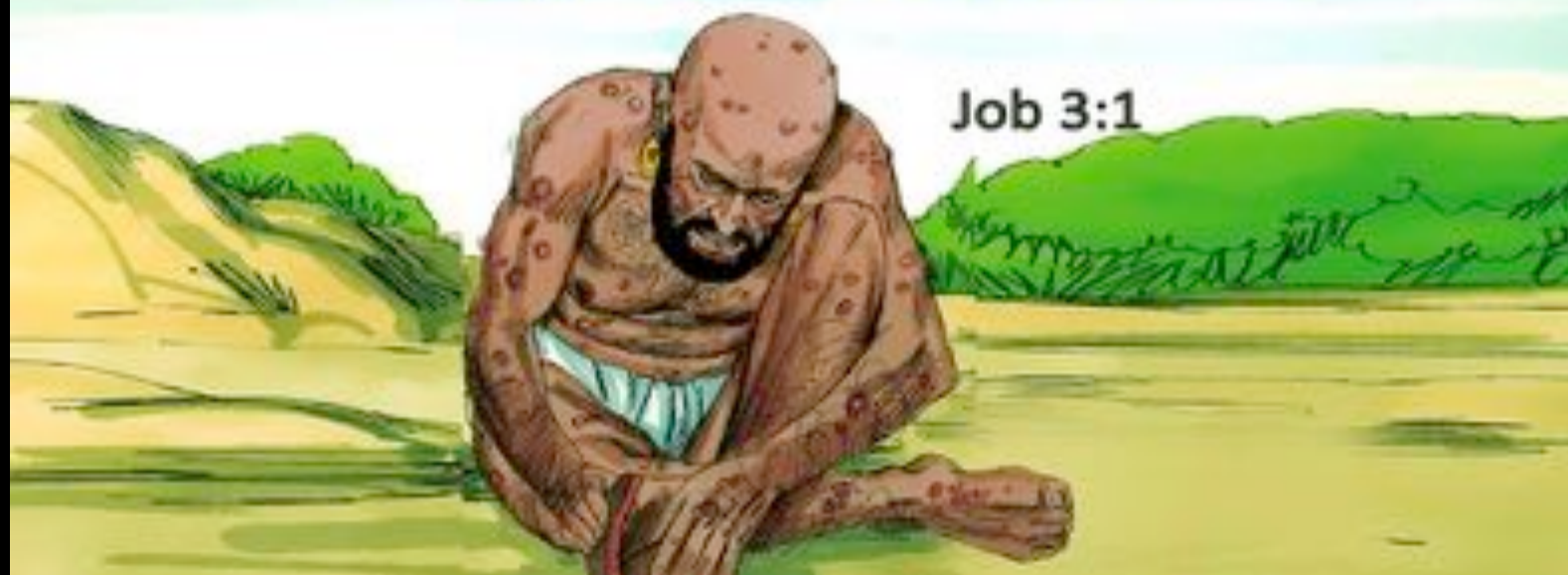
Words for the Wind

Job 6:26 (NASB)

“Do you intend to reprove my words,
When the words of one in despair belong to the wind?”

After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

Job 3:1



Job 3:1-10

¹After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ²He said:

³“May the day of my birth perish, and the night that said, ‘A boy is conceived!’

⁴That day – may it turn to darkness; may God above not care about it; may no light shine on it. ⁵May gloom and utter darkness claim it once more; may a cloud settle over it; may blackness overwhelm it.

⁶That night – may thick darkness seize it; may it not be included among the days of the year nor be entered in any of the months.

⁷May that night be barren; may no shout of joy be heard in it.

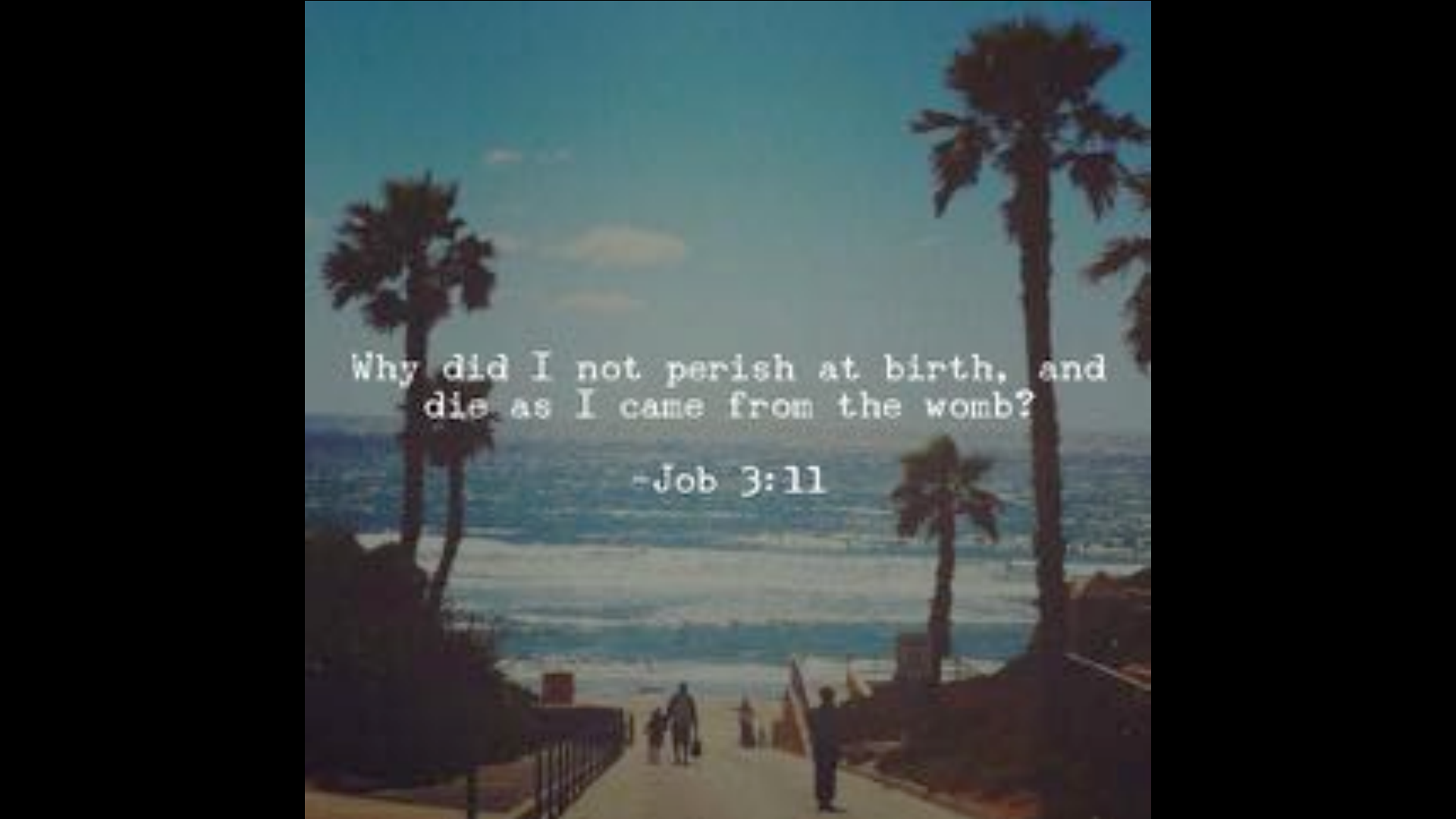
⁸May those who curse days curse that day, those who are ready to rouse Leviathan.

⁹May its morning stars become dark; may it wait for daylight in vain and not see the first rays of dawn,

¹⁰for it did not shut the doors of the womb on me to hide trouble from my eyes.

Job 3:3–13**Gen. 1:1–2:4**

Day I	let it be darkness (v. 4a)	let there be light (v. 3b)
Day II	let not God above attend to it (v. 4b)	and (God) divided between the waters below the firmament and the waters above the firmament (v. 7b)
Day IV	that night ... let it not be counted in the days of the year (v. 6b)	let there be light ... to divide between the day and the night and let them be signs ... for years (v. 14)
Day V	those prepared to stir up Leviathan (v. 8b)	and God created the great sea monsters (v. 21a)
Day VI	Why did I not die from the womb? (v. 11a)	let us make man (v. 26a)
Day VII	for now I would be lying down and quiet, I would be asleep and at rest (v. 13)	and (God) rested on the seventh day from all his work ... he sanctified it, because in it he rested (2:2–3)

A vintage-style photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, a paved path leads down towards the beach, with a few people walking. On either side of the path are tall palm trees. The ocean is visible in the middle ground, with waves breaking. The sky is a clear, light blue. The overall tone is slightly faded, characteristic of an old film or photograph.

Why did I not perish at birth, and
die as I came from the womb?

-Job 3:11

Job 3:11-19

¹¹“Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?

¹²Why were there knees to receive me
and breasts that I might be nursed?

¹³For now I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest

¹⁴with kings and rulers of the earth,

who built for themselves places now lying in ruins,

¹⁵with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver.

¹⁶Or why was I not hidden away in the ground like a stillborn child,
like an infant who never saw the light of day?

¹⁷There the wicked cease from turmoil, and there the weary are at rest.

¹⁸Captives also enjoy their ease;
they no longer hear the slave driver’s shout.

¹⁹The small and the great are there,
and the slaves are freed from their owners.

A close-up photograph of a dandelion seed head against a bright, cloudy sky. One seed is captured mid-air, having just blown away from the head. The text "What's the Point?" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

What's the Point?

Job 3:20-26

²⁰“Why is light given to those in misery,
and life to the bitter of soul,

²¹to those who long for death that does not come,
who search for it more than for hidden treasure,

²²who are filled with gladness
and rejoice when they reach the grave?

²³Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?

²⁴For sighing has become my daily food;
my groans pour out like water.

²⁵What I feared has come upon me;
what I dreaded has happened to me.

²⁶I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”

God is not threatened by your own poetry of pain

Psalm 62:5-8

⁵Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. ⁷My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.



suffering
SERVANT

ISAIAH 52:13 - 53:12

Jesus ~ the suffering servant

Isaiah 53:1-3

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Jesus suffered with temptation



JUAN DE FLANDES

The Temptation of Christ

c. 1500

Oil on panel, 21 x 16 cm

National Gallery of Art,

Washington

Jesus suffered with temptation

Mark 1:9-13

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¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Jesus suffered with temptation

Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Jesus suffered at the cross



ALTDORFER, Albrecht

Christ on the Cross between Mary and St John

c. 1512

Limewood, 102 x 116 cm

Staatliche Museen, Kassel

Jesus suffered at the cross

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

Jesus suffered at the cross

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



Horatio Gates Spafford
1828 - 1888



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OF THE HYPOCAUSTIC PLAN.

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Chicago _____ 187

The day before, through my room,
 The sun was like the falling ball -
 It shone so bright, the light so clear,
 It fell, it shone, with my soul.

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Moreover, I want to point out to you a correct way of studying theology, for I have had some practice in that... This is the way taught by holy King David (and doubtlessly used also by all the patriarchs and prophets) in the one hundred nineteenth Psalm. There you will find three rules, amply presented throughout the whole Psalm. They are *Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio*. (Prayer, Meditation, Trials)



Gospel Application

*Will you pour out your heart to God
in the rivers and/or sea billows?*