



OLD TESTAMENT • WISDOM

Job

Suffering, limited understanding, and honest faith

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The big picture

Job loses family, security, and health. His friends insist that suffering must reveal hidden wrongdoing, but the book challenges their confident explanations. Job protests and longs for an encounter with God. God's response widens Job's view of creation without supplying a simple account of every loss. The story invites humility before suffering and warns against using theology to silence another person's pain.

Words to carry

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:"

Job 19:25 • KJV

Live it

01 Listen to a suffering person without explaining away their pain.

02 Bring an honest lament to God.

03 Admit the limits of your understanding rather than forcing certainty.

Pause & reflect

Can I remain present with someone when I cannot answer why?

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