A person stands on a curved wooden bridge that arches over a field of colorful flowers. In the background, a bright sun creates a strong glow and lens flare, silhouetting the person. The overall scene is warm and hopeful.

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Hello, my name is **Shigeru Kishihara**.

I am Hanna & Andrew's father, and

Noah, Joy and Meg's grandfather.

Thank you very much for giving me this  
great opportunity to deliver the message of  
Jesus in this beautiful church in Minoh.

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I was a member of Rakugo  
(Japanese sit-down comedy) club  
when I was a student so  
please let me start with a funny story.

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One day a Christian man went to a mountain to get some wild vegetables and mushrooms.





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However, he slipped over and fell to the bottom of the valley.





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He was unconscious for a while, but luckily regained consciousness. He noticed that his ankle was broken and could not move at all.





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So he tried to grab his mobile phone to contact people or rescue service, but there was no mobile in his pocket. He lost it when he was falling down the cliff.





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There was only a little money in his wallet, but it wasn't any help. The Christian man was wondering what to do in this situation...

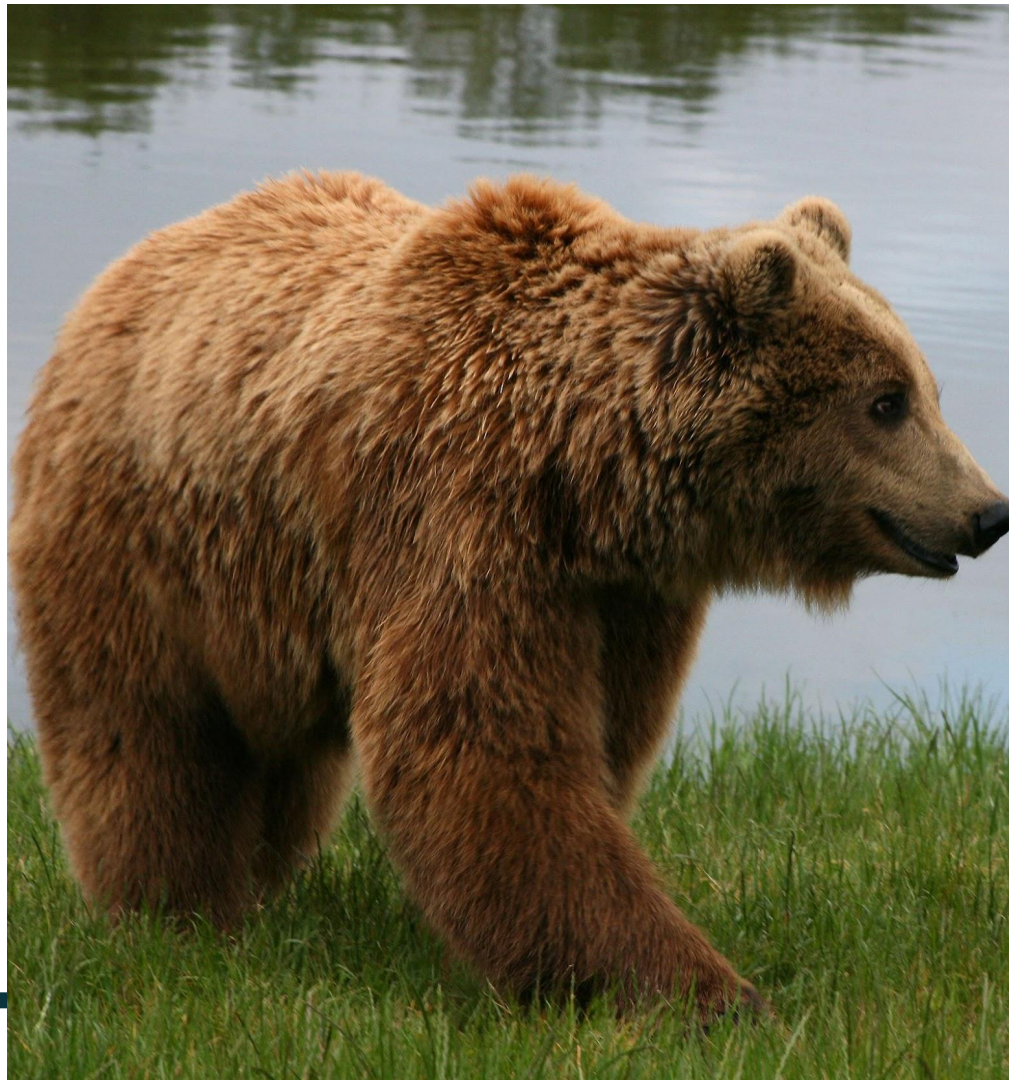




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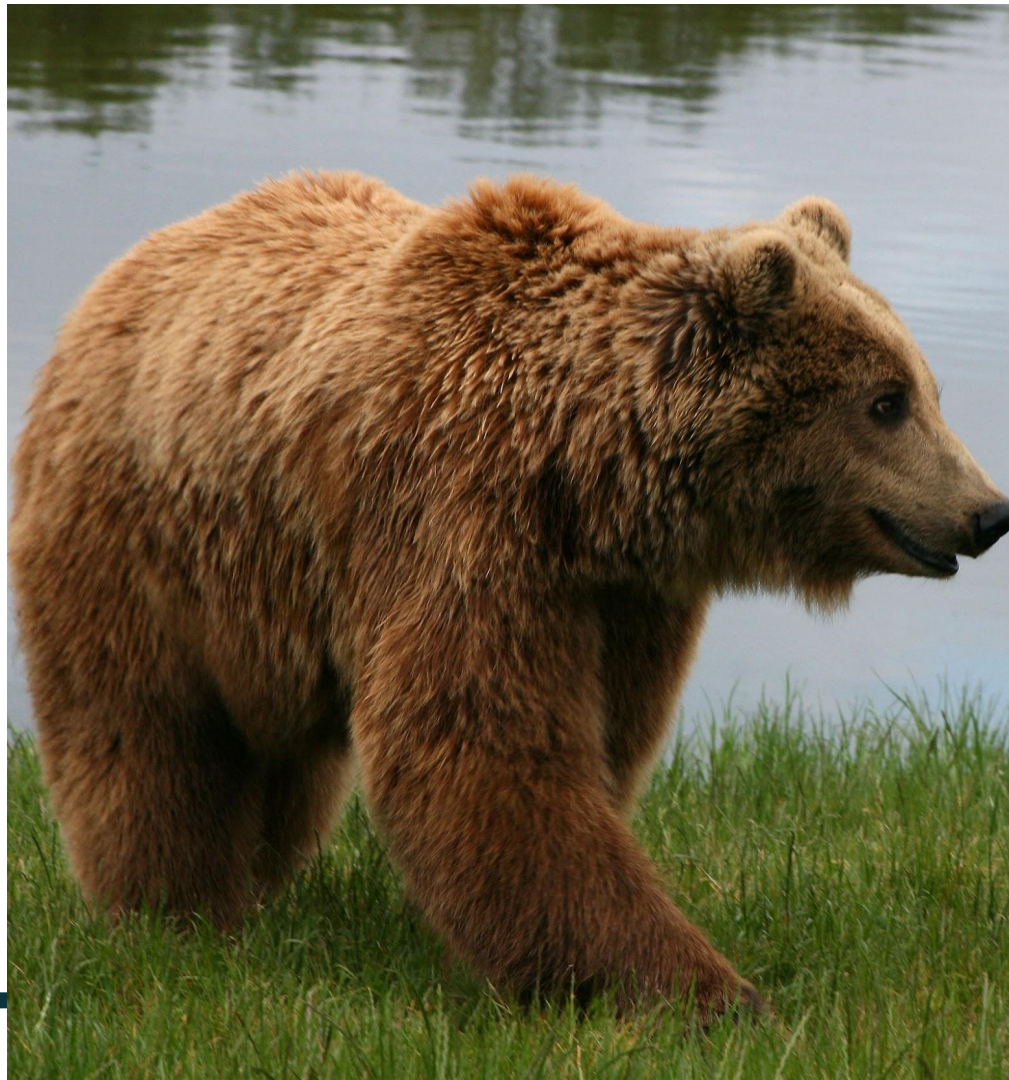
Then, he just realized  
that there was a big  
scary bear growling and  
running towards him!



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The man thought “I am going to be attacked and eaten by the bear!” so he prayed to God intently.  
“God, please rescue me!”

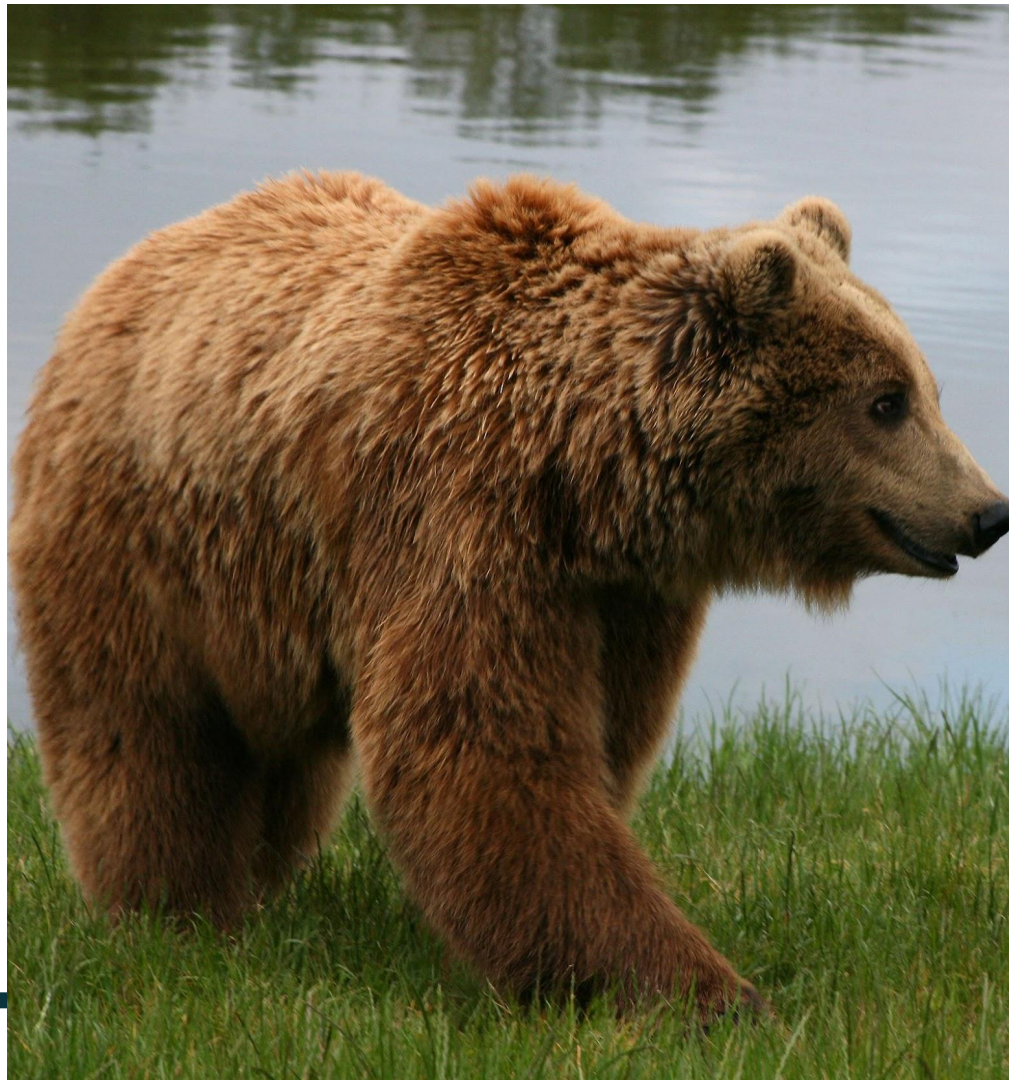




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He had no idea how long  
it took, but the bear did  
not come to attack him.  
The man was certainly  
alive!



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So the man opened his  
eyes slowly and saw that  
the big bear was sitting  
just in front of him





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The bear closed his eyes, held its paws to its chest and was mumbling something.



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The man looked and listened carefully to the bear, and thought “This bear might also be a Christian.”





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Then he asked the bear  
“Excuse me Mr Bear, are  
you a Christian?”



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The bear opened one of his eyes, glanced at him and said “Shush! I’m in the middle of saying grace before my meal!”





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Have you ever heard of  
something called  
**‘Beach Glass’**?

みなさんは、  
**「ビーチ・グラス」**と  
いうのを、知って  
おられるでしょうか？



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Recently, there are shops that sell interesting stones or fossils, and “beach glass” is also sold in these kinds of shops.

Beach glass is just a remnant of a small piece of a glass bottle.

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Glass bottles that were originally used for something become broken and are thrown away. The broken bottles travel around in the ocean and are molded by big waves and sand, and the sharp corners gradually become round, and it turns into a beautiful jewel.

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**At that stage, it is not just a piece of broken glass any more - it has become “beach glass” and is given new worth.**

そうになると、これはもう、ガラスのカケラでは無くなって、「ビーチ・グラス」と名前を変えて、新しい価値を持ってくるのだというんです。

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I thought this is just like a piece of drift wood that is nicely decorated in a water tank.

The driftwood also died once as a tree, but received new life and worth to become a beautiful decoration.

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Similarly, even if we are broken so badly, our God can remake us into something of value. Today I would like to talk about this.

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In the Bible, there was also a man who suffered unexplainable hardship. That man was Job, the main character of today's message.

The story of Job is very long so let's first look at its context in the Bible and then look at chapter 42 as the main point.

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Firstly, what was the reason God gave Job such difficult hardships?

Surprisingly, it was because God and Satan made a bet about Job's righteousness.

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“Can human beings keep their faith even if they lose everything? Is their faith just for their own well-being or profit? ”

That was Satan's challenge.

So God allowed Satan to give Job hardship.

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From then onwards, various disasters and hardships attacked Job continuously. He was robbed and suffered natural disasters on two occasions each and lost absolutely everything!

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All his property, livestock, bondservants, and even his own children! However, the hardship still continued. Job himself suffered a bad skin disease and his wife deserted him.

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In this very difficult situation,

**Job was firstly saying some impressive things,** as you can see in chapter 1 verse 21;

これに対して、ヨブは、初めのうちは、  
1章21節のように

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Naked I came from my  
mother's womb, and  
naked I will depart. The  
LORD gave and the  
LORD has taken away.  
May the name of the  
LORD be praised.”

私は、裸で母の胎から  
出て来た。また、裸で私  
は、かしこに帰ろう。  
主は与え、主は取られ  
る。主の御名は、  
ほむべきかな。

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He was just like a good Christian model at first, but then he started to complain about his situation and fought with God from chapter 3. Job asked God why he had to go through hardship even though he'd been having a righteous life.

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Then 3 friends of Job come to visit him and try to encourage and comfort him.  
However, Job argues with them,

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“I have never done anything wrong or unrighteous that deserves these hardships.”

“Please give all the blessings I had back to me!”

Such communication with his friends continues from chapter 4 to 26.

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**From chapter 27 to 31, Job's anger and wonder move towards God.**

次に、27章～31章では、ヨブの言い分が、友人ではなく、神様に向かうのです。

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“I am innocent.

I am definitely righteous.

Why do I have to go through all these challenges? Please just tell me the reason!”

Job kept pleading with God.

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Finally from chapter 38,  
God answers Job at last.  
And then God restores  
His blessing upon Job in  
chapter 42 from verse 7 to 17.

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**“Is what God does always right and fair?”**

「神様のなさることは、  
いつも正しく、公平なのか。」

**“Why do I believe in God?”**

「なぜ、自分は、神様を信じているのだろう。」

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The story of Job deals with such deep questions in your life, but are there any correct answers for these questions? Job himself fights desperately to find an answer.

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**However, it takes a long time to  
understand things fully at times.**

しかし、なんでも本当に分かるためには、  
それなりの時間が必要なことがあるのです。

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Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

イエスは答えて  
言われた。  
「私がしていることは、  
今は、あなたには  
分からないが、あとで、  
わかるようになります。」

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

見なさい。耐え忍んだ人たちは、幸いであると、私たちは考えます。あなたは、「ヨブの忍耐」のことを聞いています。また、主が、彼になさったことの結末を見たのです。主は慈愛に富み、あわれみに満ちておられる方だということです。

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We need “**Job’s perseverance**” in life.

However, “Job’s perseverance” doesn’t mean to give up your life. We could say that it is to fight or be earnest in prayer.

It requires a strong will to keep waiting for God’s answer without giving up.

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Let's take a closer look at the final chapter 42.  
Job had never repented until then.  
Moreover, he got angry with God  
who gave him such hardships.

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**However, he suddenly confesses  
that he was wrong. What did Job repent for?**

それが、急に突然、「私が間違っていました。」と告白しているのです。ヨブは、  
いったい「何を」悔い改めたのでしょうか。

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Would you discredit my  
justice?

Would you condemn me  
to justify yourself?

あなたは、私の裁きを、  
無効にするつもりか。  
自分を義とするために、  
私を罪に定めるのか。

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God says “**it was my decision**” about Job’s hardship. In fact, it was God who allowed Satan to challenge him. Based upon God’s thoughts it was done. If so, He himself takes responsibility for the challenge.

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God's word in verse 40:8 sounds quite scary.  
It sounds like God says “**Do you have  
any complaints about what I do?**”

この40章8節の御言葉は、  
「私のする事に、文句があるのか」という、  
非常に、恐れに満ちた言葉に聞こえます

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However, Job didn't repent because he got scared of God's mighty power.

He rather retrieved his trust in God who takes all the responsibility for his destiny.

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That is, Job found a positive answer for the hardships. He realized that what he has to do is just to believe and trust in God.

Our God takes care of our destiny from the beginning to the end.

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**There is a verse regarding God who takes his responsibility upon our destiny in the book of Isaiah.**

こんな「運命に責任を持って下さる神様」  
について、「イザヤ書」には、  
次のような言葉があります。

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Even to your old age and  
gray hairs I am he, I am  
he who will sustain you. I  
have made you and I will  
carry you; I will sustain  
you and I will rescue you.

あなた方が、年を取って  
も、私は同じようにす  
る。あなた方が、白髪に  
なっても、私は背負う。  
私は、そうして来たの  
だ。なお、私は運ぼう。  
私は背負って、救い出そ  
う。



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**Our God is the one who carries the destiny of our lives. He takes the responsibility and carries us until the very end of your life.**

神様は、私たちの人生での「運命を支える御方」であり、私たちの人生を、終わりの日まで、責任を持って、背負って下さる御方なのです。

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Job understood that he can never understand his destiny which God gives him. That is, Job realized that he can never understand what God does.

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“You said, ‘Listen now,  
and I will speak; I will  
question you, and you  
shall answer me.’  
My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have  
seen you.”

どうか聞いて下さい。  
私が申し上げます。  
私は、あなたにお尋ねし  
ます。私にお示し下さ  
い。私はあなたの噂を、  
耳で聞いていました。し  
かし、今、この目であな  
たを見ました。

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**Job realized how big our God is and  
said “Oh God, I hadn’t really understood  
who You were.”**

「ああ、私は、あなたの事を、何も知りませんでした。」と言わせる程に、神様は偉大な御方だということが、分かったのです。

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Therefore I despise  
myself and repent in  
dust and ashes.

それで私は、自分を  
さげすみ、チリと灰の  
中で、悔い改めます。



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“**In dust and ashes**” means that Job knows and accepts that he is made of dust and is going back to dust by the power of God. This is not flattery or acquiescing.

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There is rather Job's hope in God.

He's discovered his real being that is created by God and tried to step forward in his new life.

That is, there is joy for those who have known the greatness of God the creator.

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After that (from 42:7), Job has overcome the challenges and been blessed again abundantly. It says that Job had a happy life for ever after, but some people think that the book of Job should have finished at 42:6.

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In fact, I also feel a bit of discomfort with the happy end that is written at the end of the story (42:10-16).

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“Doesn’t he care about his lost sons  
and daughters anymore?”

“Can he really be happy forgetting  
about the challenges before?”

I cannot remove such feelings from my heart.

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Also some people take the happy end in the story of Job and conclude that even if you are in a difficult situation at the moment, God will restore His blessing upon you. You just have to stay faithful. However, is it really true?

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In fact, there are many faithful Christians who have not been healed from sickness, or who haven't regained lost possessions. You might finish your life on this earth in a difficult situation no matter how faithful you are.

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If the lesson from the story of Job was  
“You will be worldly blessed if you endure  
the hardship with your faith in God”,  
the theme of this book seems facile and  
unclear.

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You might think that it would've been better if the story of Job had finished at chapter 42 verse 6. Job was satisfied even in hardship by knowing God's greatness and wanted nothing there. This might be more powerful in terms of the message of the book.

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However, there is certainly a continuation of the story from verse 7. We know that there is nothing in the Bible that shouldn't be there. There must be some meaningful necessity in this part, too. What is it? Let's try to think about it at the end of today's message.

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Most probably Job was never able to forget about his past difficulties. Even if his possessions were doubled, if he was completely healed from the disease, or if he was given 10 new adorable children, Job could not be joyful about it by forgetting everything in the past.

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**However, Job was truly joyful  
about a different thing.**

でも、ヨブは、きっと、  
別の事を喜んでいたのです。

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My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have  
seen you.

私は、あなたの噂を、  
耳で聞いていました。  
しかし、今、この目で  
あなたを見ました。

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**The greatest joy of Job's was  
to see the true personality of God.**

ヨブに与えられた最大の幸福は、  
**「真の神様」を見ることにあったのです。**

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Since Job saw who He really is, his heart must have been filled with complete peace even if his possessions were never restored or his health recovered.

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If you see the true God and who He is,  
you will also know how graciously God  
deals with lost children or  
treats those who are unwell.

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Even if there are many difficulties in our lives in this world **we have the privilege of seeing the true God and His greatness through our faith.**

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And God teaches that there surely is complete blessing without any hardship or sadness prepared for us in heaven when God draws us to where He is when our body dies.

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Finally, I will introduce a Japanese waka poem that is written by Haruko Tsuda.

Haruko is a Christian lady who suffered leprosy for years.

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# WAKA POEM BY HARUKO TSUDA

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I do not have any  
happiness at the end  
of my life like Job had,  
but that is ok.

I just want to quietly  
die and go where our  
God is.

生きている、この現実の  
身体には、ヨブのよう  
な、最期の時の、幸せは  
ありません。でも、それ  
でいいのです。私は、  
人目を避けて、こっそり  
と隠れて、死んで行きた  
いと思っていますから。

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I think the poem is very powerful  
because Haruko states boldly

**“I do not need any happiness like Job had  
at the end of my life”.**

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For us Haruko's life would never have been an easy one, but she surely believed the great blessing in heaven through reading the book of Job and stood firmly in her life.

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**The book of Job is written to give such strength for living in faith for those who suffer hardship.**

そんな「生きる力」を、すべての、今、  
苦しんでいる人に、与えようとして、書かれたのが、  
この「ヨブ記」なのであります。

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Dear heavenly Father,  
thank you for giving us  
the strength for living in faith.  
Please help us to stay with Jesus always  
like Job. In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen.

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A person stands on a curved wooden bridge that arches over a field of colorful flowers. The background is a bright, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is silhouetted against the bright light, which creates a strong glow around them. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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