

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Live online class with Pastor David
6:30pm Wednesdays



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Job 1

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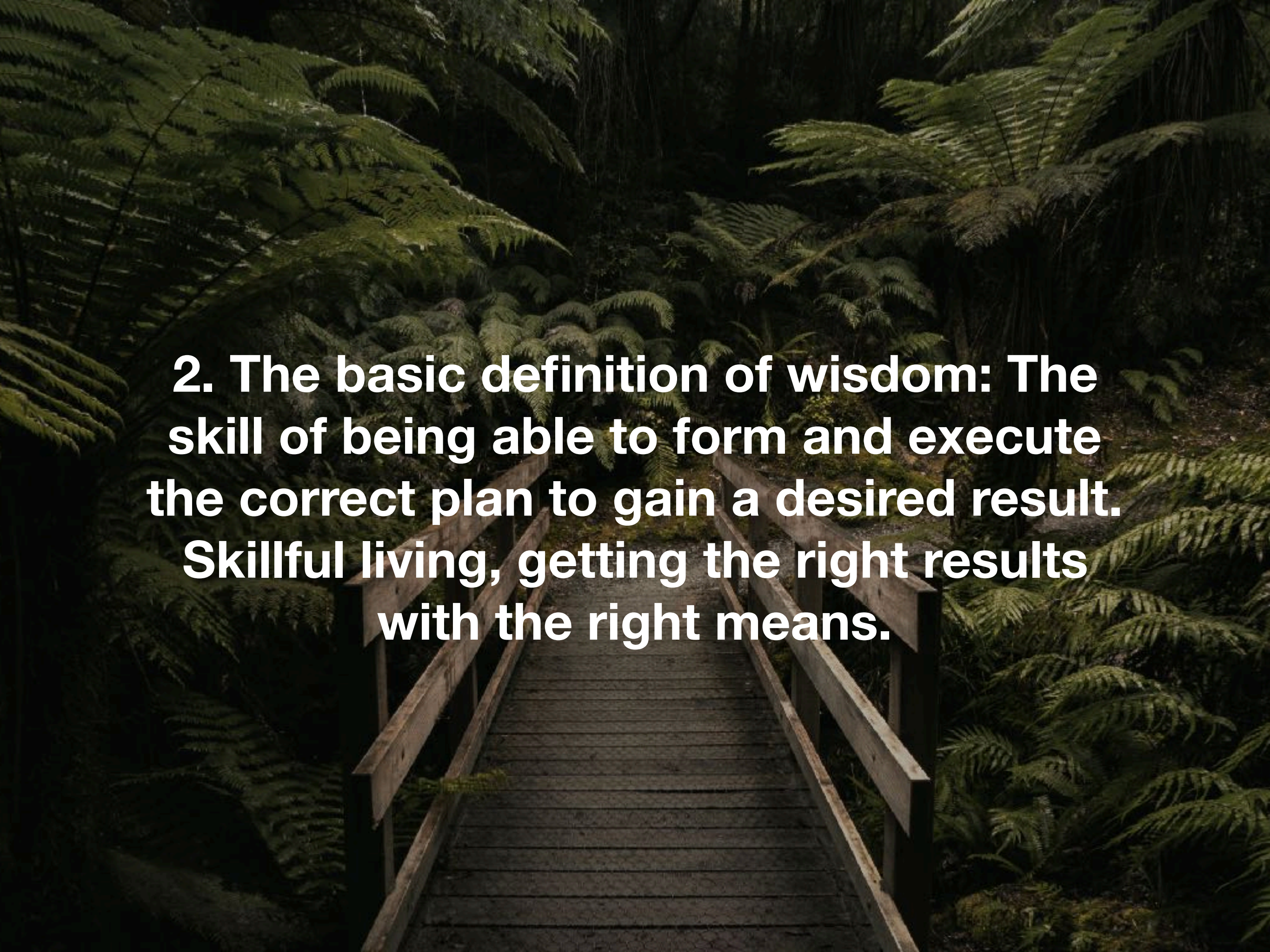
1. The Wisdom Books

The Wisdom Psalms (1, 19, 32, 34, 37, 49, 73, 78, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133)


Job

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

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2. The basic definition of wisdom: The skill of being able to form and execute the correct plan to gain a desired result. Skillful living, getting the right results with the right means.

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It's God's plan for life.

It's human life in relation to
God.

3. The Characteristics of Wisdom Literature

Talks to you as an individual

Its authority is moral experience and trained intelligence

Its concern is the workaday world

Its method is counsel and instruction

4. The Types of Wisdom Literature

Proverbial Sayings (e.g. Prov. 10:1-29:27)

Moral Exhortations (e.g. Prov. 1:8-9:18)

Extended Wisdom Discourse (e.g. Job, Ecclesiastes)

Point of the book: Our righteous response to suffering must be worship of and submission to God.

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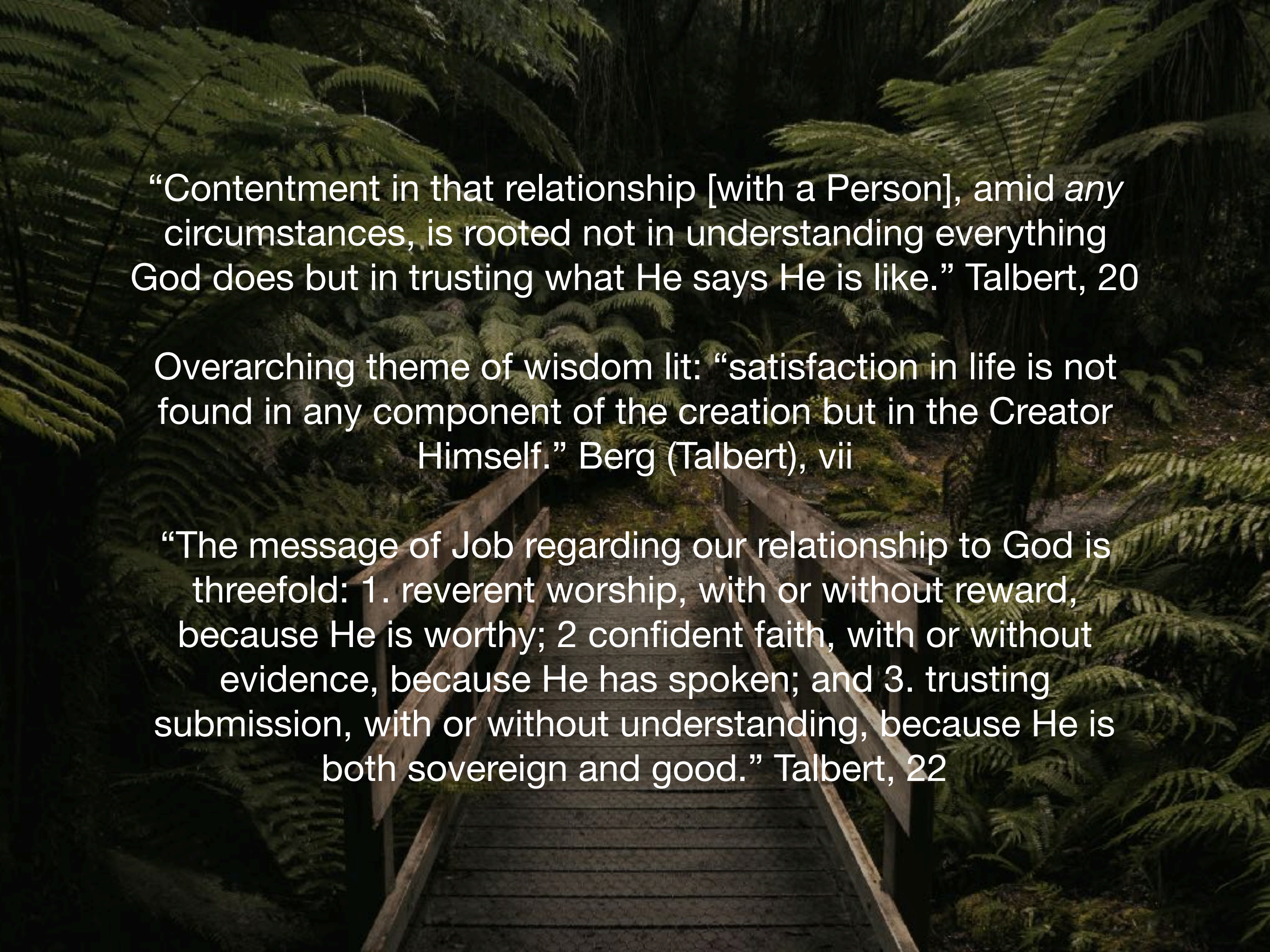
**Point of tonight's lesson: In every trial,
God is in control and God is good**

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1. None of us have suffered as Job

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2. Some of you are experts in suffering



“Contentment in that relationship [with a Person], amid *any* circumstances, is rooted not in understanding everything God does but in trusting what He says He is like.” Talbert, 20

Overarching theme of wisdom lit: “satisfaction in life is not found in any component of the creation but in the Creator Himself.” Berg (Talbert), vii

“The message of Job regarding our relationship to God is threefold: 1. reverent worship, with or without reward, because He is worthy; 2. confident faith, with or without evidence, because He has spoken; and 3. trusting submission, with or without understanding, because He is both sovereign and good.” Talbert, 22



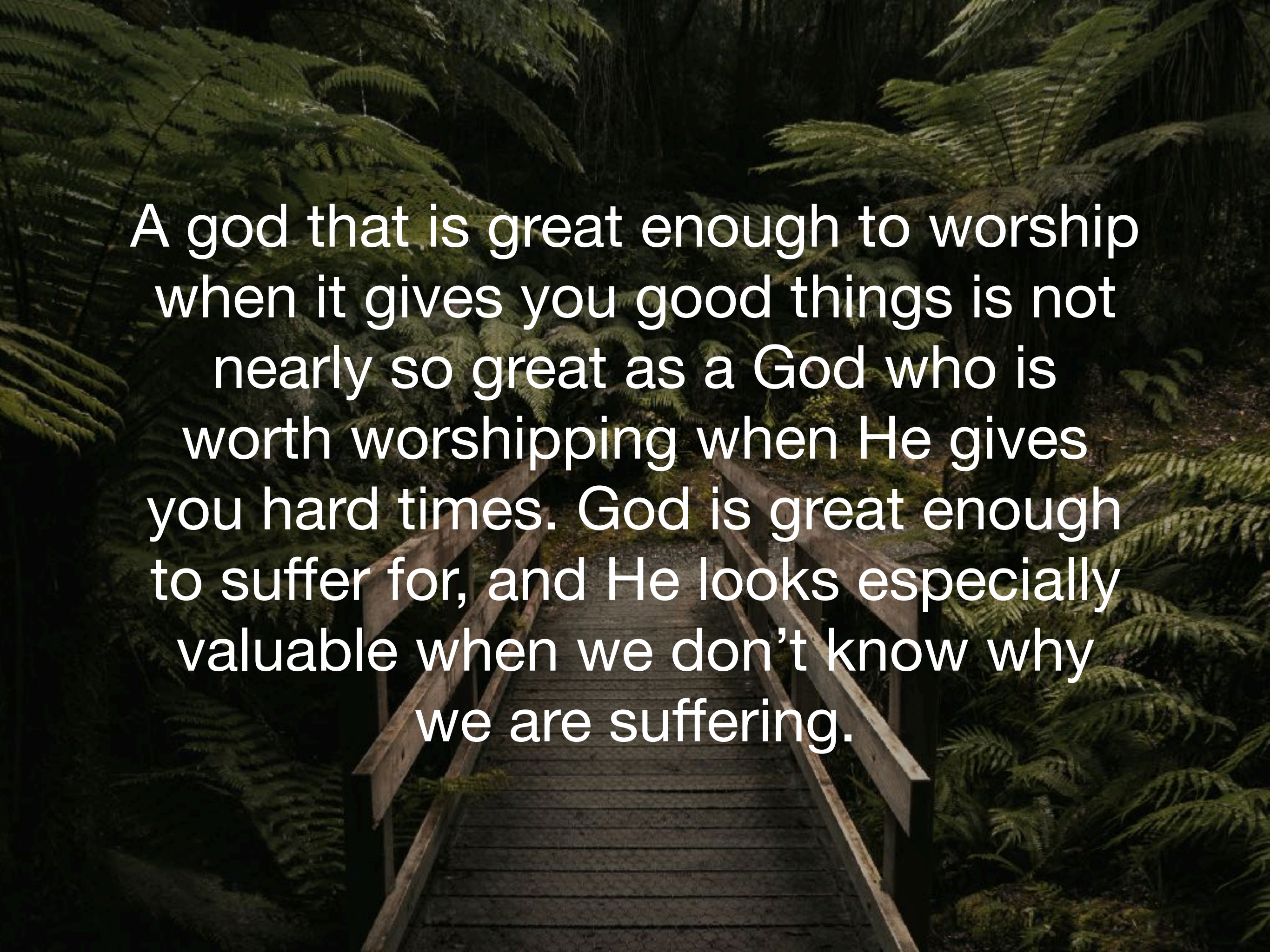
The surprising backstory: Meet Job

Job: genuinely godly and fabulously rich

Job was the last person on earth who deserved what happened to him

See into God's perspective

Satan's accusations make Job and God look bad

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A god that is great enough to worship when it gives you good things is not nearly so great as a God who is worth worshipping when He gives you hard times. God is great enough to suffer for, and He looks especially valuable when we don't know why we are suffering.

The Exemplary Response

Wounded but humble

God deserves our loyalty despite pain and loss, and He looks great before all the eyes in Heaven when we worship Him through the tears streaming down our faces.



Naked I came and will go

Humility, not entitlement

1 Tim. 6:7: we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out

Even in the moment of Job's agony, he remembered who he was.



God is in Control

The Lord gave and took away

God chose to do this.

Job didn't do anything to deserve losing his possessions and family. But he never did anything to deserve getting them in the first place either.



Psalm 115:3

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

This makes God different from any other concept of gods.

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God is in control over:

Nature

Animals

Politics

Human history

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God is sovereign in the Gospel.


The Gospel is God's plan to save.

1 Peter 1:18

*“Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown **before** the **foundation** of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”*

Acts 2:22

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”

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Isaiah 53
Will of God to crush Him

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The Gospel is God's plan to save you.

Ephesians 1

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him **before** the **foundation** of the world, that we should be holy and blameless **before** him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*



Revelation 13:6

*Everyone whose name has not been written **before** the **foundation** of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain*

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1. God is good.
Mark 10:18

2. God does good.

From the beginning of creation, God has done good.

Ps. 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

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2 Corinthians 9:8-11

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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3. God has done good to us.
God is good in the Gospel.



Romans 5:6

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Ephesians 2:1

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body* and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But* God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Application

“Pain and loss are bitter providences. Who has lived long in this world of woe without weeping, sometimes until the head throbs and there are no more tears to lubricate the convulsing of our amputated love? But O, the folly of trying to lighten the ship of suffering by throwing God’s governance overboard. The very thing the tilting ship needs in the storm is the ballast of God’s good sovereignty, not the unburdening of deep and precious truth. What makes the crush of calamity sufferable is not that God shares our shock, but that his bitter providences are laden with the bounty of love.” Piper



Like Job, verbalize worship


“He is not poor nor much enticed who loses everything but Christ. It won’t be long before the rod becomes the tender kiss of God.”

Don’t forsake your confidence, which has great hope

Heb. 10:35-36 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Find that the joy of the Lord is your strength

Joy in circumstances will never last because circumstances will eventually fail you. Joy in the Lord always lasts because Jesus will never fail you. God will not fail you.

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2 Thessalonians

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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