MESSAGE NOTES

Introduction – *The second wave of pain*

This week's message:
The Poetry of Pain
Job 2:11-3:36

The arrival of three friends
Job 2:11-13
Their concern

Their empathy

Their sympathy

Their commitment to not "fix it"

Words for the wind
Job 6:26

Job speaks out his pain
Job 3

Could the day just be blotted out?
Job 3:1-10

Why didn't I just die as an infant?
Job 3:11-19

What's the Point? - Why is there any joy at all for the suffering?
Job 3:20-26

God invites your poetry of pain
Psalm 62:5-8

The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)
Christ in the desert
Mark 1:9-13, Hebrews 2:14-18

Christ on the cross
Matthew 27:45-46, Hebrews 12:1-3

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

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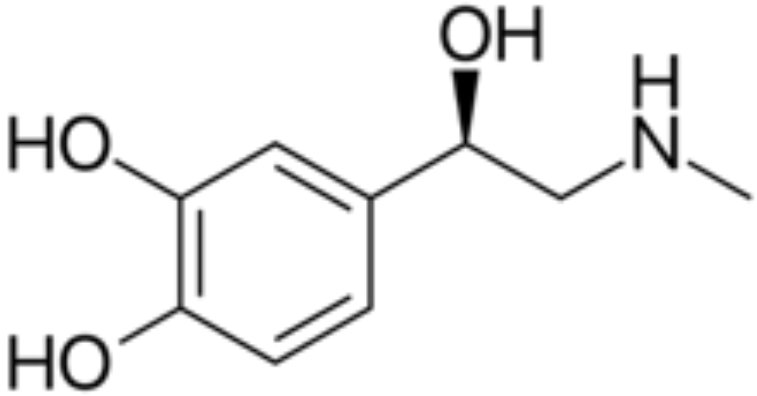
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Journey of Job

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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.

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"I feel how you feel".

Sympathy

I know
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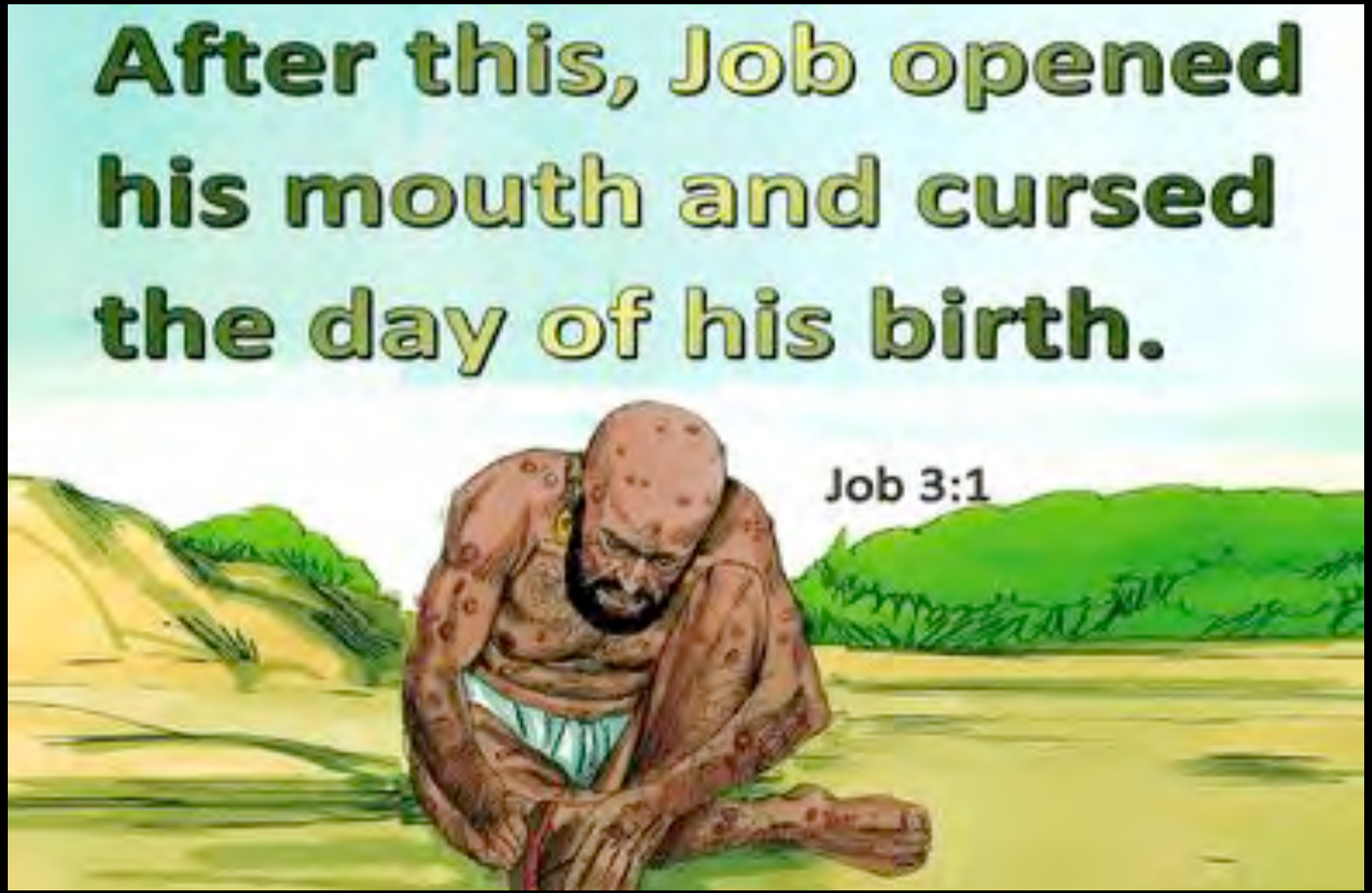
Words for the Wind

Job 6:26 (NASB)
"Do you intend to reprove my words,
When the words of one in despair belong to the wind?"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	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)

~John E. Hartley, *The Book of Job*, The New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1988), 102.


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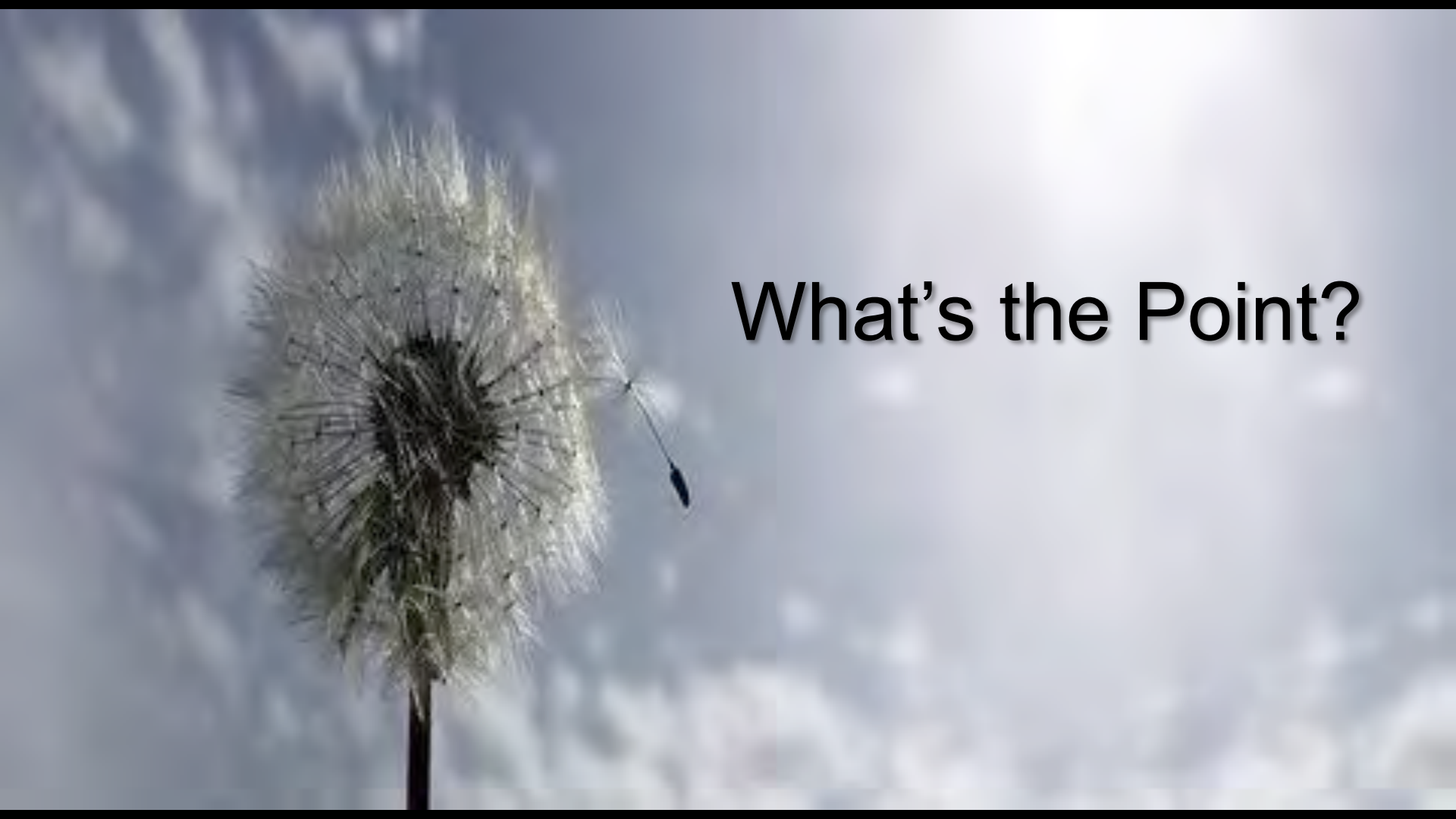

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God is not threatened by your own poetry of pain

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

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12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And
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.

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Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since 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—15 and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For
surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For
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. 18 Because 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?").

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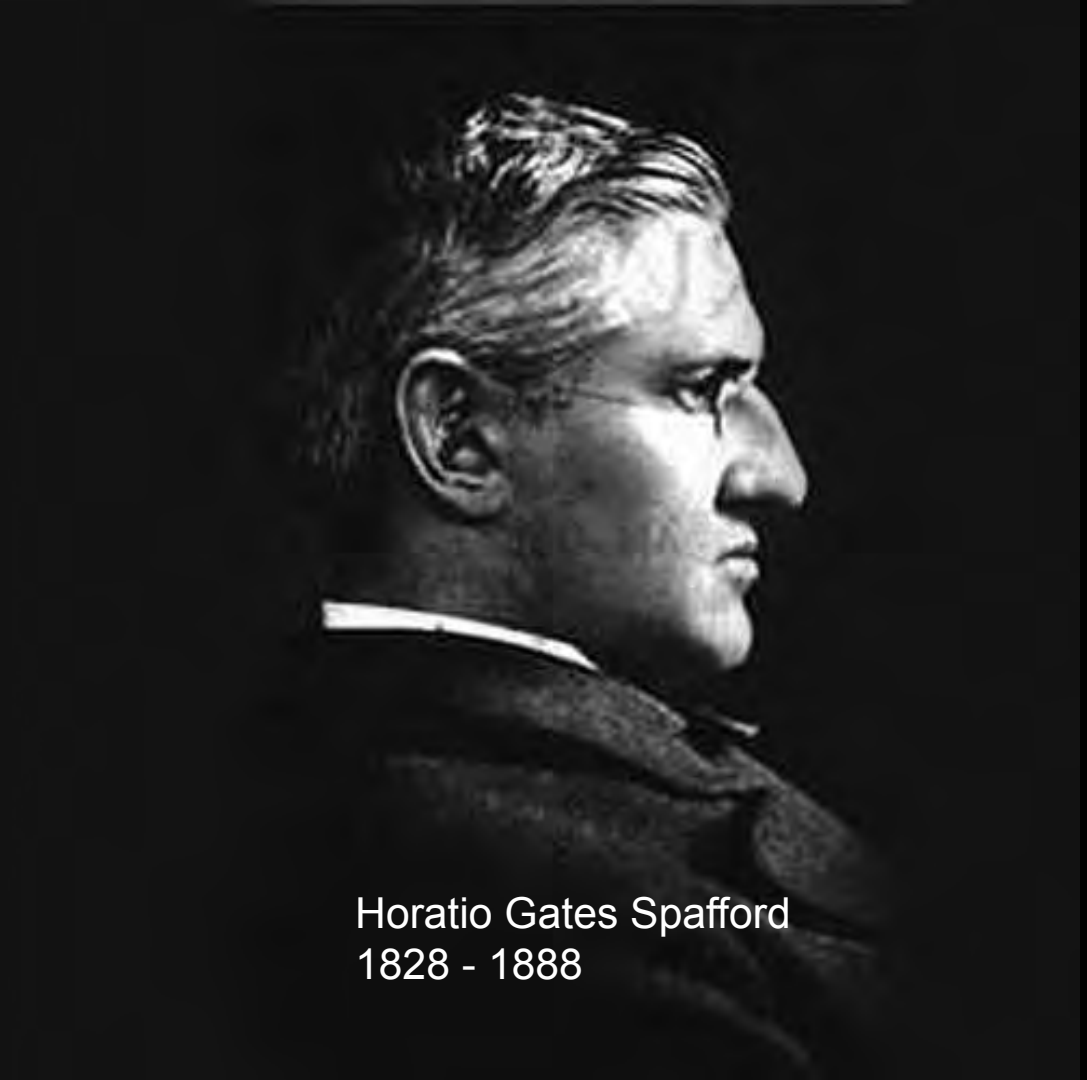
Hebrews 12:1-3

[1]Therefore, 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. [2]Let 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. [3]Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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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)

~ *Luther's Works: The American Edition* (Philadelphia and St. Louis: Fortress Press and Concordia Publishing House, 1955, 34:285)

Gospel Application

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