Job

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--and they all lived

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Outline

- A happy ending!
- You can do all things!
- I don't understand!
- Now my eyes have seen you!
- Orthodox or authentic?
- A bigger picture?

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A happy ending!

- v1 Then Job replied to the Lord...
- v7 My servant Job spoke of me what was right
- v12 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former.

You can do all things! Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan (purpose) of yours can be thwarted." Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 43:13; Matthew 19:26; John 15:5 I don't understand! v3 Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. The secret things belong to Deut 29:29 Lord Treasures of darkness Isaiah 45:3 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Rom 11:33 5 I don't understand! v3 Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. · Job's wife Job 2:9 John 9:1-3 Man born blind 'that the works of God might be displayed in him' Hebrews 12:4ff God trains and disciplines those he loves

 1 Cor 10:13 God never takes us beyond what we can bear

Now my eyes have seen you!

- From knowing about to knowing
- El Shaddai to Yahweh
- Job is satisfied
- Despising ourselves? Only when truly in God's presence: Genesis 18:27; Isaiah 6:5; Luke 5:8; Rev 1:17
- Living in fellowship with God is key his grace is sufficient 2 Cor 12:7-10

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'Orthodox' or authentic?

v7 Job spoke 'right' about God

Be real

- Honest about how we feel
- Engaging with God in the pain

v7-9 Don't make God angry

- Wrongly applied theology
- 'Certainty' overrode loving care

Persevere in suffering – James 5:11

A bigger story?

Job's experience

- Vision of a redeemer and a mediator
- · A suffering servant who rescues his friends
- A resurrection experience
- · Reconciliation and grace
- Abundance, blessing and a wonderful end

Some learnings from Job

You can do all things! God is in control I don't understand! Be humble and hold on to God Now my eyes have seen you! **Knowing God - sufficient grace** 'Orthodox' or authentic? Honest with yourself and God Loving and accepting of others A bigger picture? One day... 10 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around

believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore

like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of

you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5 : 5-11

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