

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man;

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I will question you, and you make it known to Me.
⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.

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⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

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⁷when the morning stars sang together and
all the sons of God shouted for joy?”
—Job 38:1-7 ESV

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²“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.” ³Then Job answered the LORD and said: ⁴“Behold, I am of small account.” —Job 40:2-4a ESV

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“Your arms are too short to box with God.”

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1. Humility is the Pathway to Glory

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¹Then Job answered the LORD and said: ²"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. ³"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

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Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
—Job 42:1-3 ESV

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"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
—1 Peter 5:5b ... "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you." —James 4:10 ESV

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For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
—Luke 18:14 ESV

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2. Dependency is the Pathway to Power

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“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too
wonderful for me, which I did not know.” —Job 42:3 ESV

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“The Bible is just as inspired, trustworthy and infallible
in its reservations as it is in its revelations.”
—J. Sidlow Baxter

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⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the
surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me
in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me,

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to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times
I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.
⁹But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,

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for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will
boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power
of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then,

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I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions,
and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
—2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

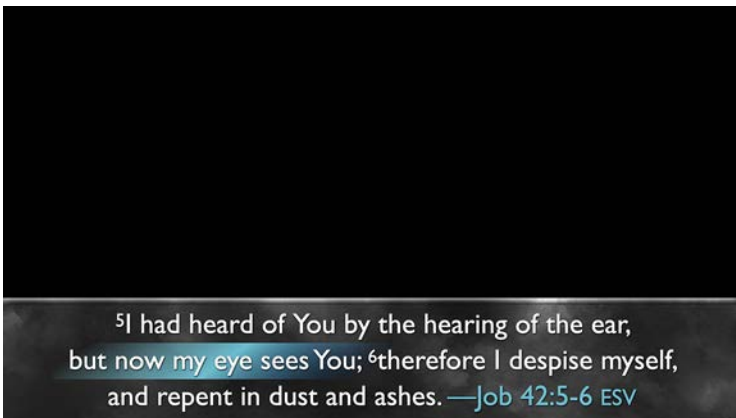
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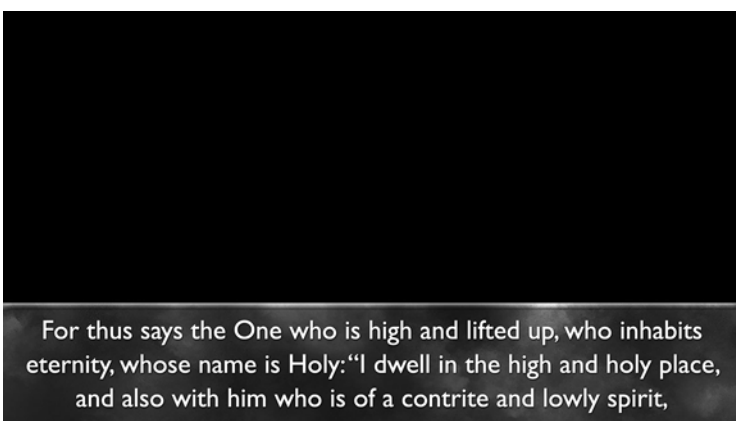
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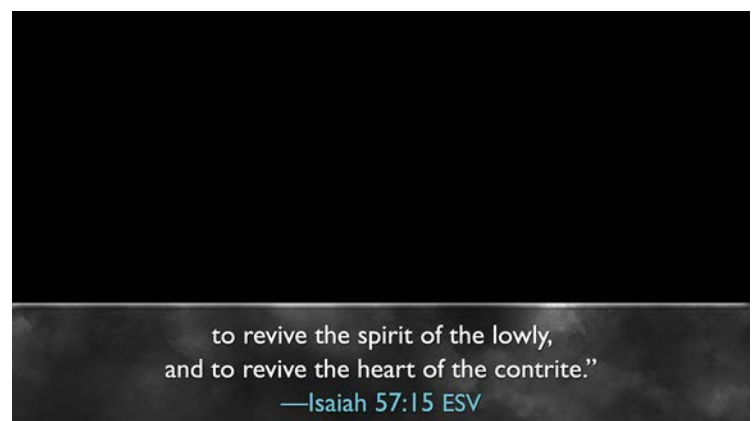
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That which we think will destroy us, God uses to deliver us.
 That which was meant to break us,
 God uses to make us more like Him.
 That which we think will be the death of us,
 is often God's gracious hand of providence writing
 depth and detail onto the pages of our story.
 The things that leave us broken and cracked actually make us
 masterpieces—treasures that God is crafting for His glory.
 These treasures are meant to produce holes in our exterior
 so that His glory can shine through us.
 —Jacqueline Heider, #Together@Warren

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4. Sympathy is the Pathway to Community

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³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts
 us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those

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who are in any affliction, with the comfort
 with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings,

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so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
 —2 Corinthians 1:3-5 ESV

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"In our world where everything is about promoting yourself,
 repentance feels brutal. But repentance is the only way
 to be healed." —Timothy Keller

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