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Comeback: Come back from tragedy

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Job 1:1-3 (NIV): In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

Job 2:7-8 (NIV): 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. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

The Grieving Grounds

Job 1:20 (NIV): At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head...

Job 16:16 (NIV): My face is red with weeping, dark shadows ring my eyes...

Friendship Farm

Job 4:7-8 (NIV): "Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it."

Job 8:4 (NIV): When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.

Job 11:3-6 (NIV): Will your idle talk reduce others to silence? Will no one rebuke you when you mock? You say to God, 'My beliefs are flawless and I am pure in your sight.' Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom has two sides. Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin.

Job 19:2 (NIV): "How long will you torment me and crush me with words?"

Anger Alley

Job 7:19-21 (NIV): Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant? If I have sinned, what have I done to you, you who see everything we do? Why have you made me your target? Have I become a burden to you? Why do you not pardon my offenses and forgive my sins? For I will soon lie down in the dust; you will search for me, but I will be no more."

Ephesians 4:26 (ESV): Be angry, and do not sin.

Acceptance Avenue

Job 42:5 (NIV): My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV): Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Forgiveness Falls

Job 42:10 (NIV): After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.