

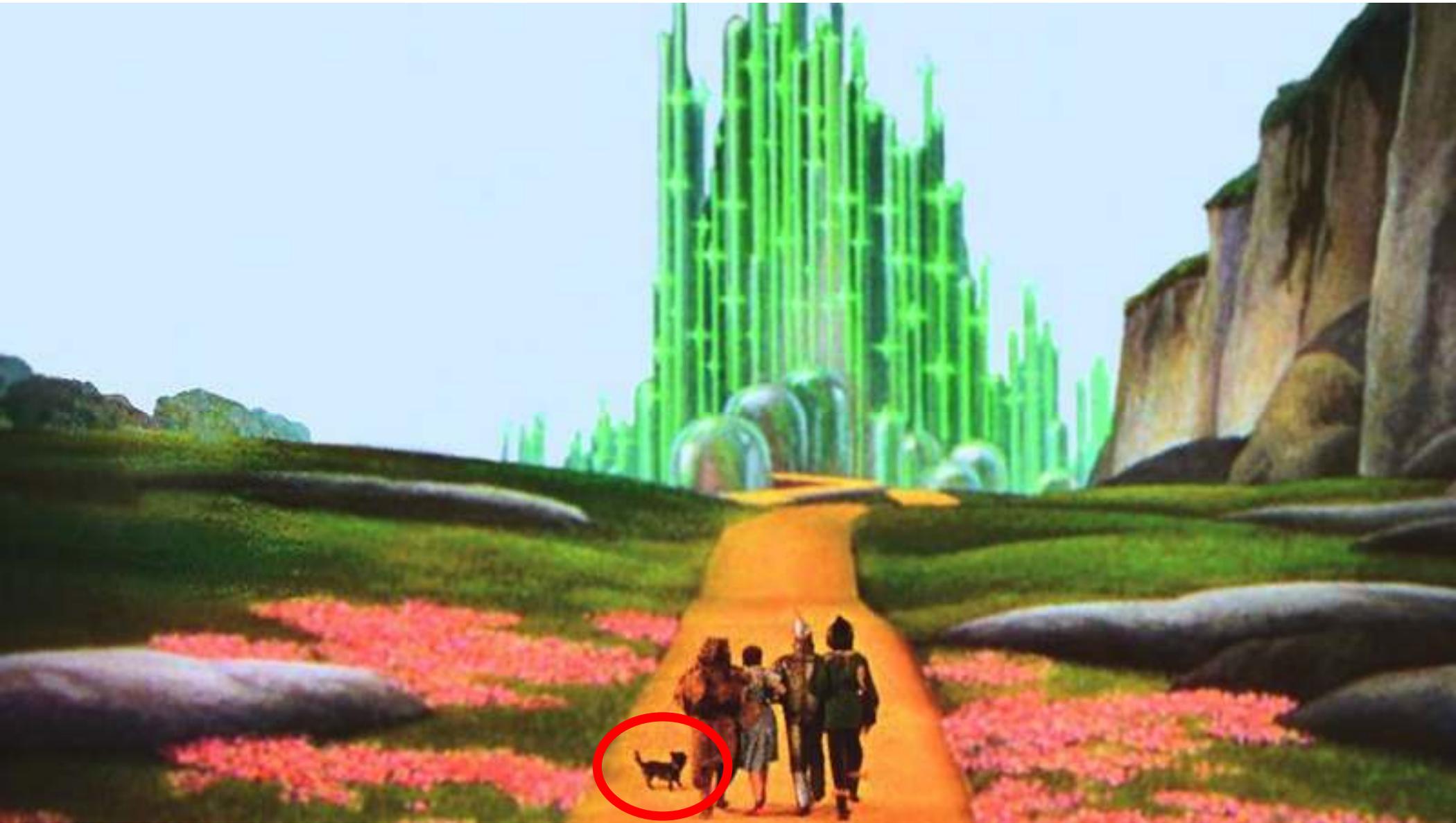
A Journey with Suffering

A Study from the Book of Job





Return
to OZ





Toto the Little

Toto represents Dorothy's connection to Kansas, her home, ensuring she never walked the road alone

Toto's actions show courage and vigilance, even though he is small

They also show the importance of individual action and the potential for change.

These are all characteristics we will need if we are going to Journey with Suffering into the Sovereignty of God





HAPPY
Father's Day

- Love you Dad -

RESTORED!



The Epilogue

A section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment on or a conclusion to what has happened.

Which means like it or not it is widely understood what Job is, a work of literature

From our standpoint thank of this is like an end credit scene that gives us a look into the future while it ties up loose ends



Restored Friendship (v. 7-10)

After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has." So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer. After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.



Restored Friendship

God scolds Job's three friends

The scolding was not because of Job but for how they represented God

They showed him as a petty and vengeful God

He called their assessment of the situation folly

This had to be quite a humbling experience for these three pompous men



Restored Friendship

They were required to repent and Job, the one they had chastised with their words, was assigned to be their "priest" with his actions

He had to sacrifice for them

He had to pray for them

More importantly he had to forgive them

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Mark 6:12



Restored Friendship

The story says after Job prayed the Lord restored his fortunes

The people relationships came first

Do I think it was hard for Job to forgive, yes, he is human

But it was necessary for him to forgive hence I believe the reason God made him play the role in their repentance



Restored Family

All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

Do you not find it odd this is the first mention of Job's family except his dead children and desperate wife? v.11

This is also the first mention of neighbors other than three friends



Restored Family

Reality is this would have been normal culture as people feared being near those cursed as it would result in them being cursed

Funny how sometimes our cultural traditions and belief get in the way of ministry

However, there is a real subtle message about depending on God and the fickleness of humanity

But as they celebrated, they did help Job on his next restoration path



Restored Finances

The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

He parlayed those pieces of silver and gold rings into a fortune

v. 12

“The Lord Blessed Job”

The moral of the story to be survive suffering, and get blessed



Restored Finances

This was not an apology payoff from God

It restored Job's reputation as a Godly man in the eyes of humanity since God was now blessing him

It probably gave Job the ability to share his story hence the existence of the story and the play

God does not promise riches for righteousness



Restored Fatherhood

And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

(v. 13-15)

Inheritance



Restored Fatherhood

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:15

**Before his suffering Job prayed for,
and sacrificed for his children**

Did I do enough?

**I just have this hunch Job's new batch of
kids heard the story of God over and over**



Restored Favor

After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation.

Job live many more years, so I just have to figure God healed his body

(v. 16-17)

However, you again must wonder if it left behind scars

He lived long enough to not only have kids, but meet his grandkids, great grandkids, and even great, great grandkids



The End



Not the End of Suffering

All these blessings are great but did Job's suffering really end?

Everything he got or got back is still temporary

The kids and grandkids are awesome but they will bring heartache and stress

The flocks, herds and riches mean more to worry about and take care of

Will they be there if there is a next time?



The End of Suffering

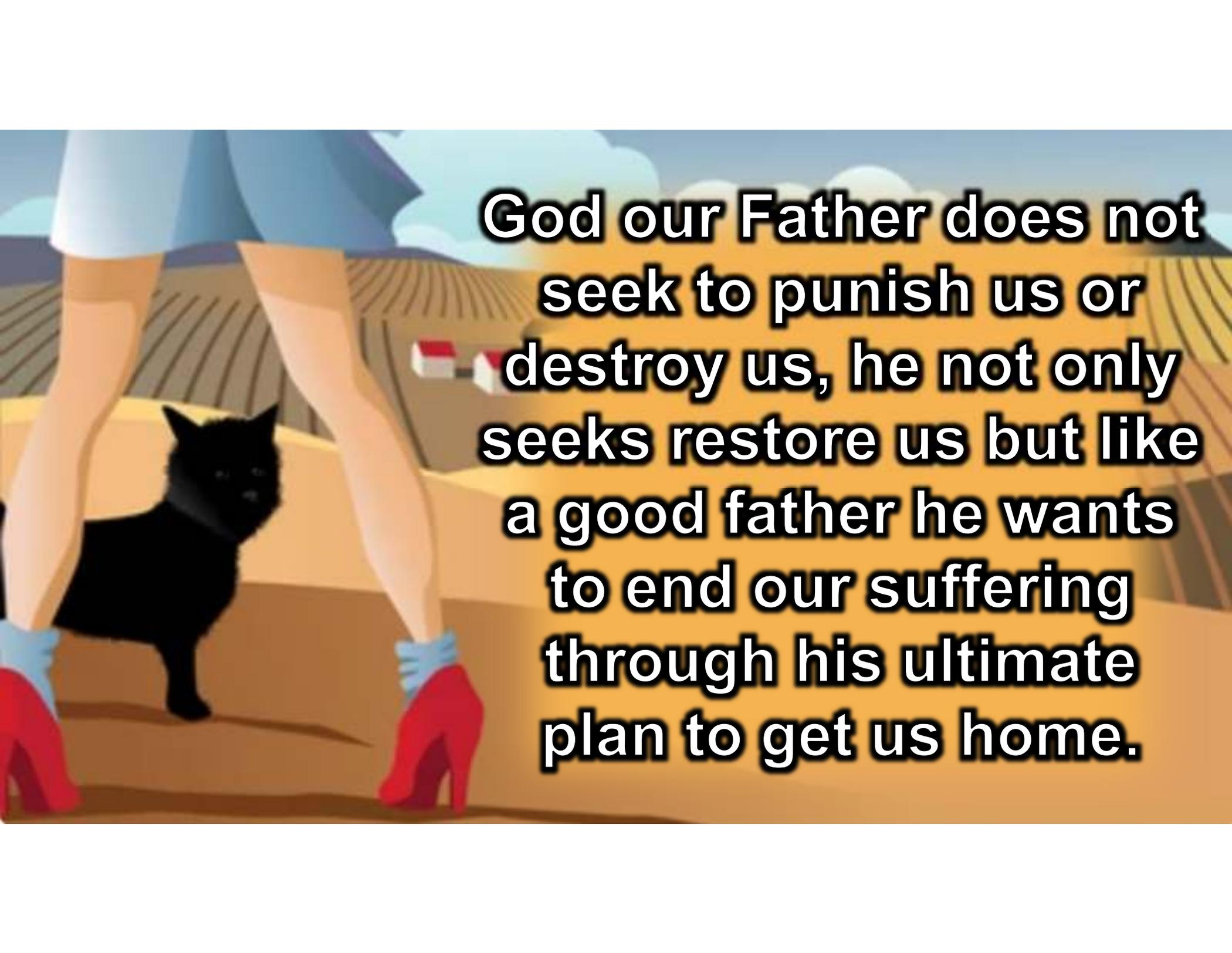
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. o him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:14





God our Father does not seek to punish us or destroy us, he not only seeks restore us but like a good father he wants to end our suffering through his ultimate plan to get us home.