

**The World Premiere
of
JOB'S STORY**



**A Biblical Musical
by
Terry B. Ewell**

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JOB'S STORY

Welcome to the World Premiere of Job's Story. The ancient book of Job in the Holy Bible has a message from God for people today. Have you ever wondered why God allows pain and suffering in this world? Why is it that those who are closest to God seem to suffer more hardship than those who deny God? Have you ever been confused over why God allowed some absolutely terrible things to happen to you? These were all questions Job asked. Job in his story reveals to us that although we may not understand the problems in our life yet we can be certain of this: God is good and God is loving, not fickle, with the way He deals with our lives.

Terry B. Ewell

TERRY B. EWELL - Author and Composer

Terry is from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. and came to Hong Kong six years ago to play Principal Bassoon with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. He has a Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Washington and he is currently on the Musical Faculty of the Chinese University here. Terry accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior while attending a Music Camp in 1973. In 1979 he married Laurel and they set up their first home together, in Hong Kong. Both Terry and Laurel have been active in International Christian Assembly since their arrival in Hong Kong. Terry is on the Board of Directors of I.C.A. Terry and Laurel have a daughter, Theresa, who is 9 months old.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF JOB'S STORY

Job's righteousness is known to all, even the common women tell of his goodness. Job's eldest son is preparing for a feast and invites all his family. Meanwhile Job is shown praying for his family. Job's youngest son enters and asks how he can pray to God too.

Satan pridefully approaches God. God points out Job's righteousness. Satan says Job is only faithful because of his wealth, family and security. God gives Job in to Satan's hand.

Job and his wife are walking in the garden when suddenly the news of tragedy reaches them. They have lost all their possessions and their family have been killed. But Job blesses God rather than curses Him.

Satan again approaches God, this time he asks to harm Job's body. Satan is allowed to make this test of Job's faith.

Job is stricken with a terrible and painful disease, his friends and servants abandon him. Even his wife tells him to curse God and die.

Job is in sackcloth and ashes when some friends approach him. Job wishes he had never lived. Each of Job's three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar argue that Job is receiving punishment for a wrongdoing he has done. They say he should repent of this. Job denies that he has done anything wrong. He says rather that God has wronged him. Their argument becomes more and more heated until the fourth friend, Elihu, can no longer remain silent. Elihu is angry with both Job and his friends. Elihu does not accuse Job of some evil doing as Job's friends have, rather he tells Job he is wrong to charge God with any wrongdoing. Elihu tells of God's goodness and how God works to turn every man's heart away from evil to good.

A whirlwind suddenly appears. Job's friends flee and out of the wind God speaks to Job. God questions what right does Job have to accuse God. Job is just a man whereas God is all powerful and all knowing. Job repents and the wind leaves.

Job's three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar approach him and ask for forgiveness. Job presents an offering to God for their forgiveness. Job is healed and his family and fortune are restored.

SOLOISTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE:

Beggar 1	Leticia Patacsil
Beggar 2	Tessie Astrologio
Woman	Julie Abugan
Eldest Son	Margie Capuyan
Job's Wife	Jocenela Limcaoco
Youngest Son	Lolita Bulanit
Job	Don Weldon
Angel	Claire Biaddang
Son of God	Julie Abugan
Satan	Mila Natividad
God's Voice	Terry Ewell
Servant 1	Elma Labrador
Servant 2	Evelyn Telino
Servant 3	Imelda Catama
Servant 4	Bella Agno
Person 1	Connie Estipona
Person 2	Adoracion Zambrano
Person 3	Mila Bautista
Eliphaz	Dave Keylor
Bildad	Michael Campbell
Zophar	Lilia Bato
Elihu	Susie Dangle

CHOIR

1st Sopranos
Gloria Austria
Daisy Baliad
Helen Cortel
Violeta Garcia
Lisa Tamondong
Marvic Villota
2nd Sopranos
Inee Antonio
Mercy Canacho
Marina Ferrer
Nilda Frondarina
Leonora Labrador
Lorie Magalong
Aida Pascual
Beth Salazar
Altos
Claire Alejo
Conching Cabasag
Lucila Hildalgo
Minda Lacro
Lilia Maandig
Lolita Nisperos
Pepita Priagola
Debbie Talmadge

Artistic Director: Terry Ewell
Stage Manager: Renee Macpherson
Assistant: Debbie Talmadge
Co-ordinator: Moira Macpherson

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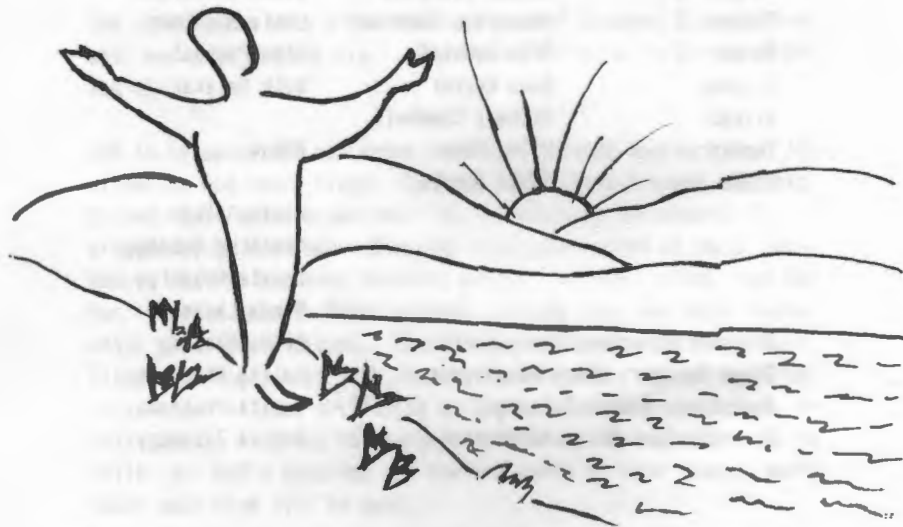
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Orchestra and Christian Musicians
Orchestra

Sound Equipment and
Recording: Don and Jan Weldon

Costume and Set
Designers: Rose Lasmarinas
Aida Versola

Assistants: Julie Abugan Leticia Patacsil
Edna Ashbrook Ann Powell
Ceferina Beringuel Pepita Priagola
Lorraine Coates Beth Salazar
Terri Cuhit Mary Smith
Susie Dangle Lisa Tamondong
Minda Lacro Elsie Villiar

Refreshments: Neil and Ruth Harding



This production of 'Job's Story' is being sponsored by International Christian Assembly. We have our Sunday worship services in the China Fleet Club, No. 6 Arsenal Street, Wanchai at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Filipino Fellowship is at 1 p.m. We have other mid-week services and we would be glad to give you details of these or anything else regarding our church. Our office is in the Queen's Centre, 4/F1, 58 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Telephone: 5-272270.



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