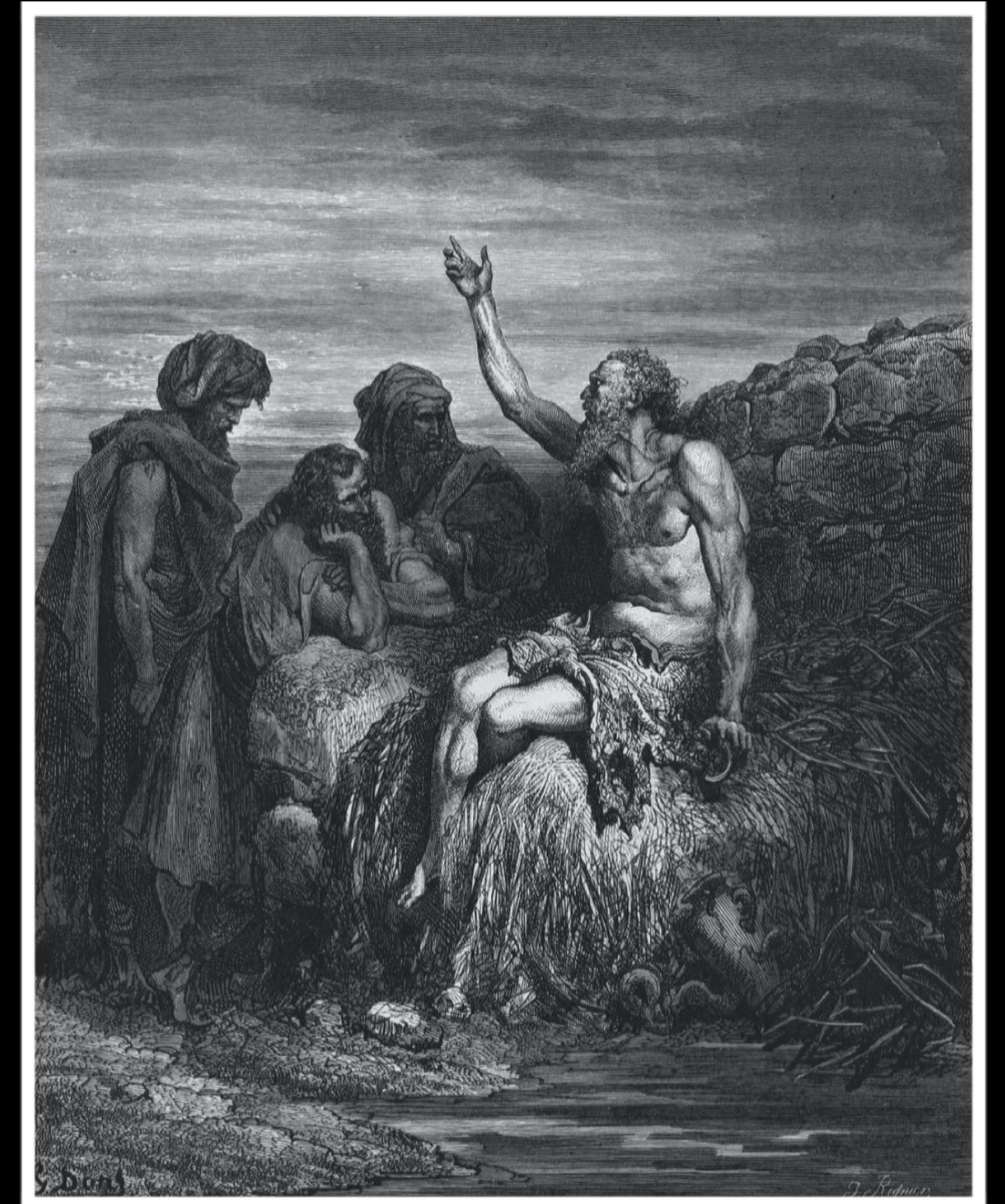
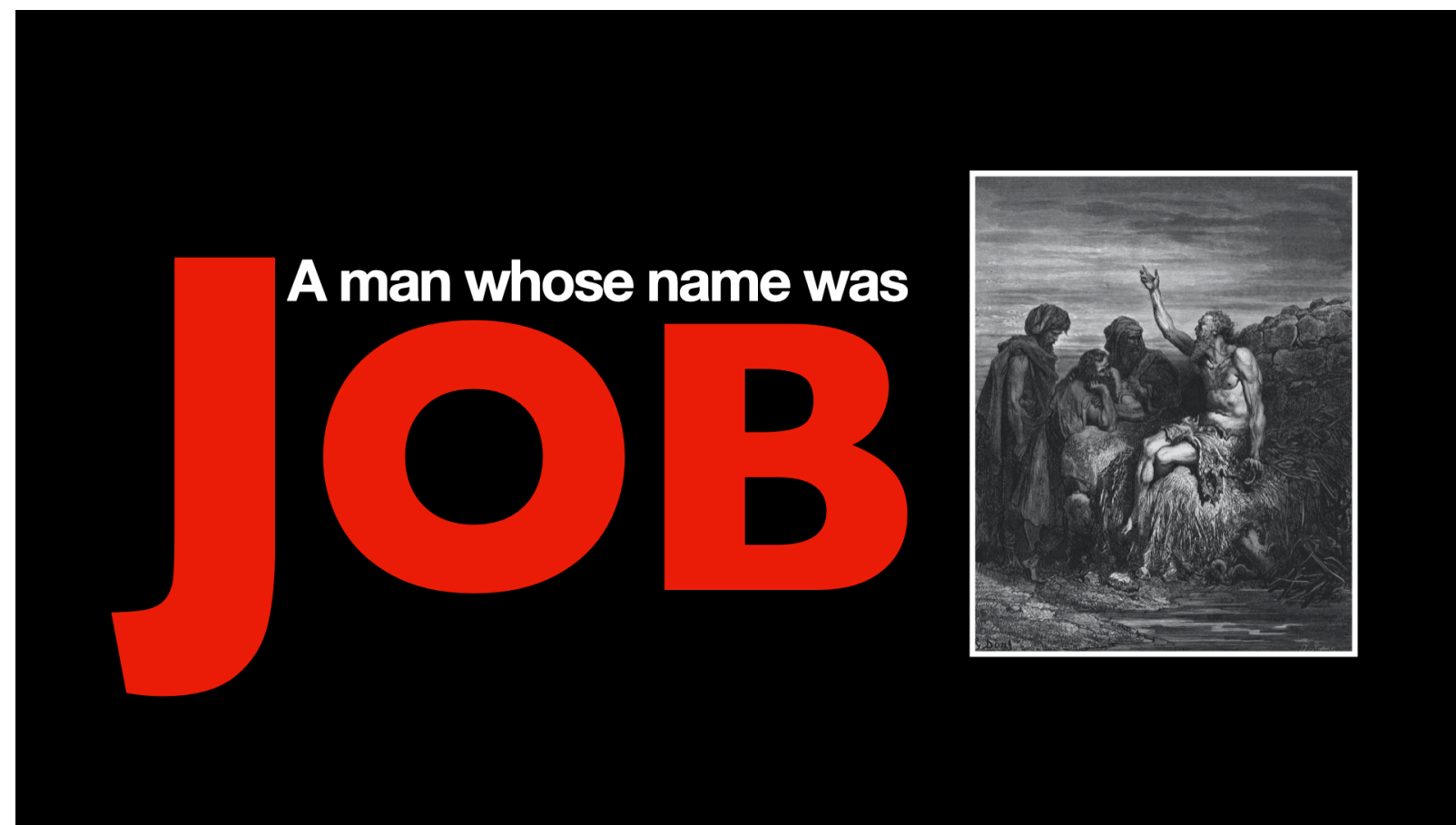


A man whose name was

JOB

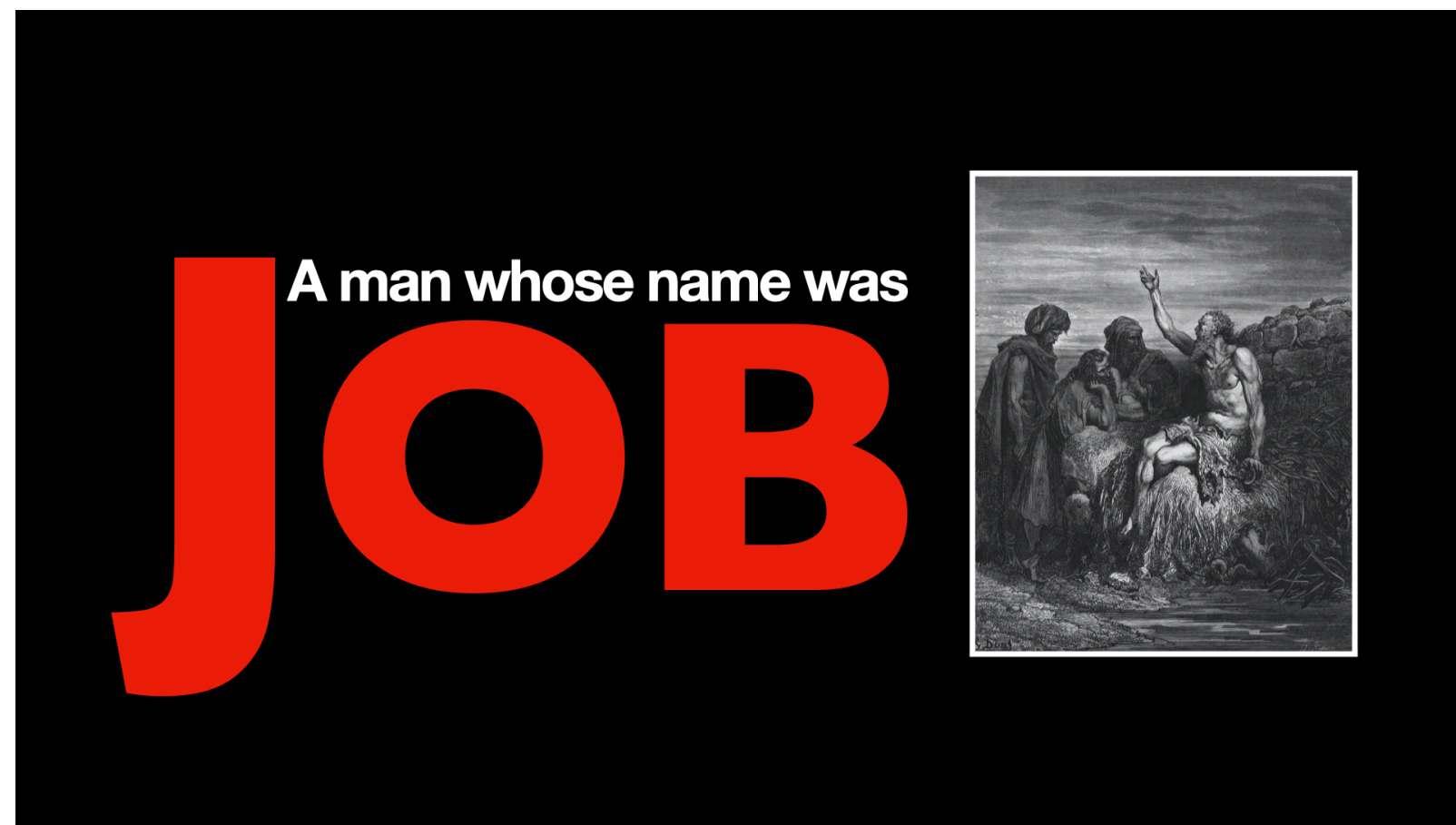




What I don't know about Job...

Could easily fill a book. I do not know ...

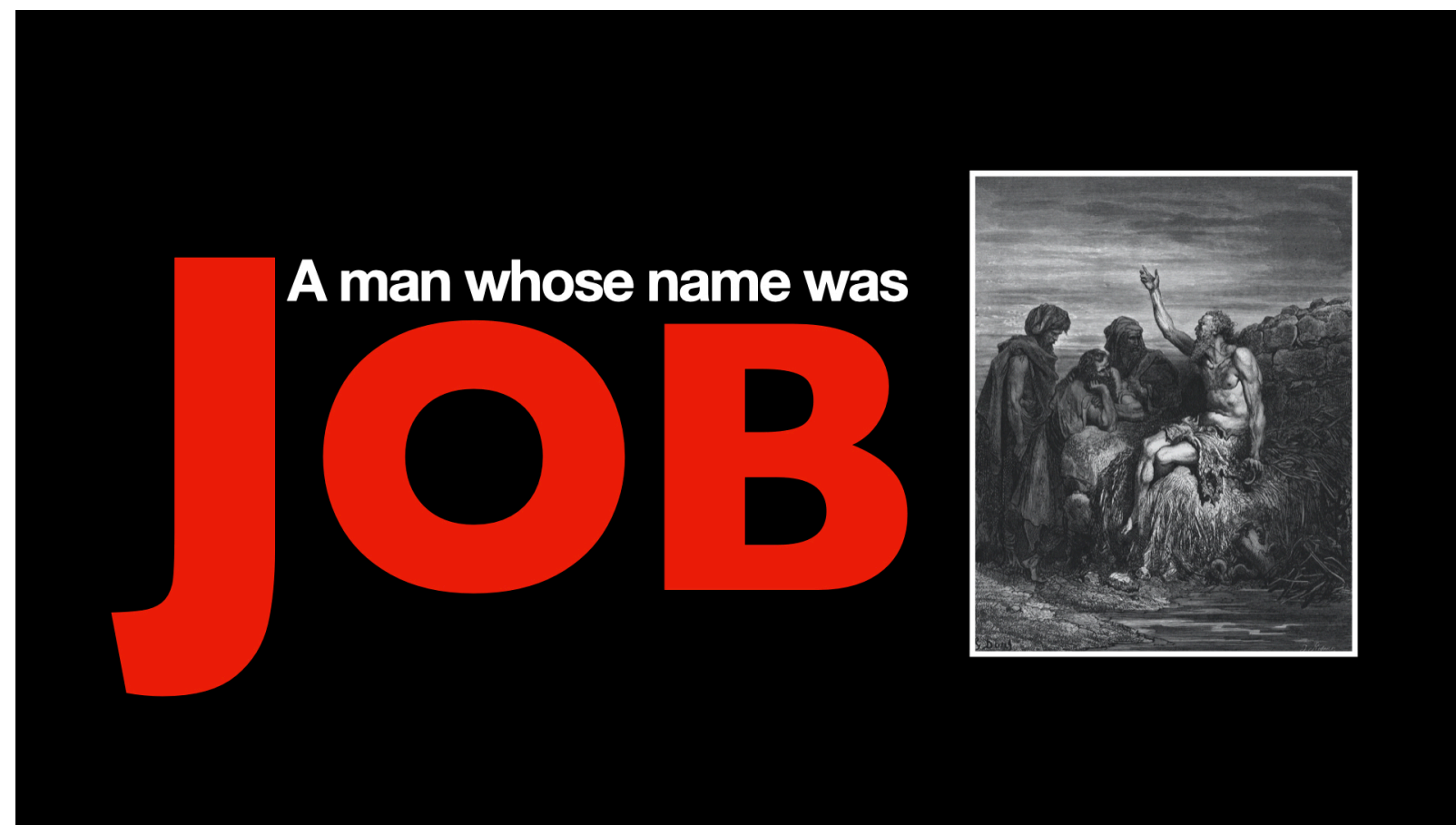
- Exactly **who** he was.
- Exactly **when** he lived.
- Exactly **where** he lived. Just **where** was Uz?
- Everything that Job **felt/thought** and **why** he did so.
- Everything about the **charges** — their reasons and all their nuances — that his “friends” brought against him.
- Which of the friends **must** be understood as the **voice of God** in Job
- Everything that **God wants me to know** about Job or the book of Job.



What I do know about Job...

Will *always* be limited. I do know ...

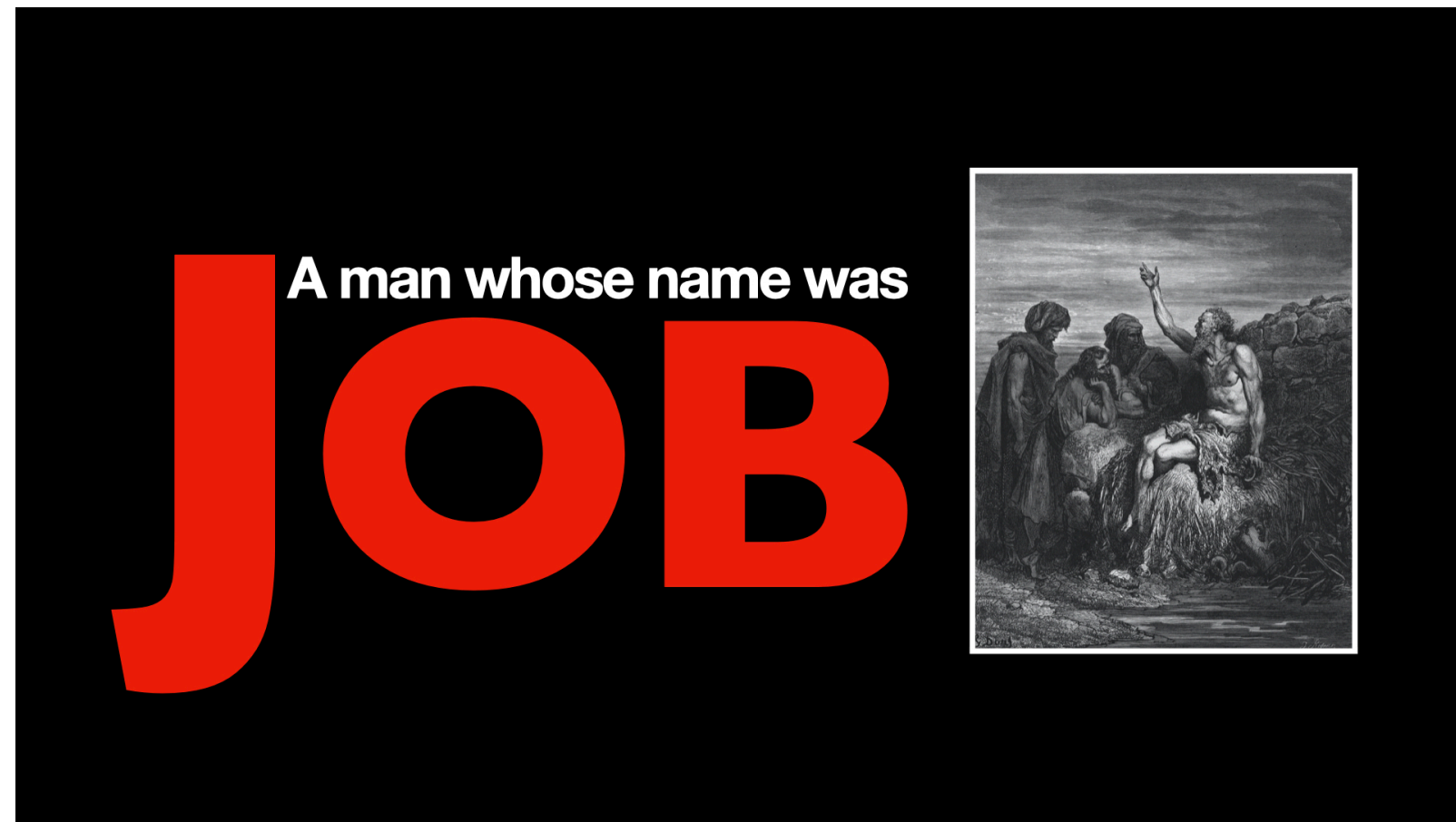
- **Something** about what God thought about Job
- **Something** about Job's character
- **Something** about Job's circumstances
- **Something** about his "friends" concerns
- **Something** about why God has "invited" us into the life of Job
- **Something** about **who** God is and **why** God cares about Job (and me).



God's invitation to us in Job ...

Job, like all “wisdom literature” ...

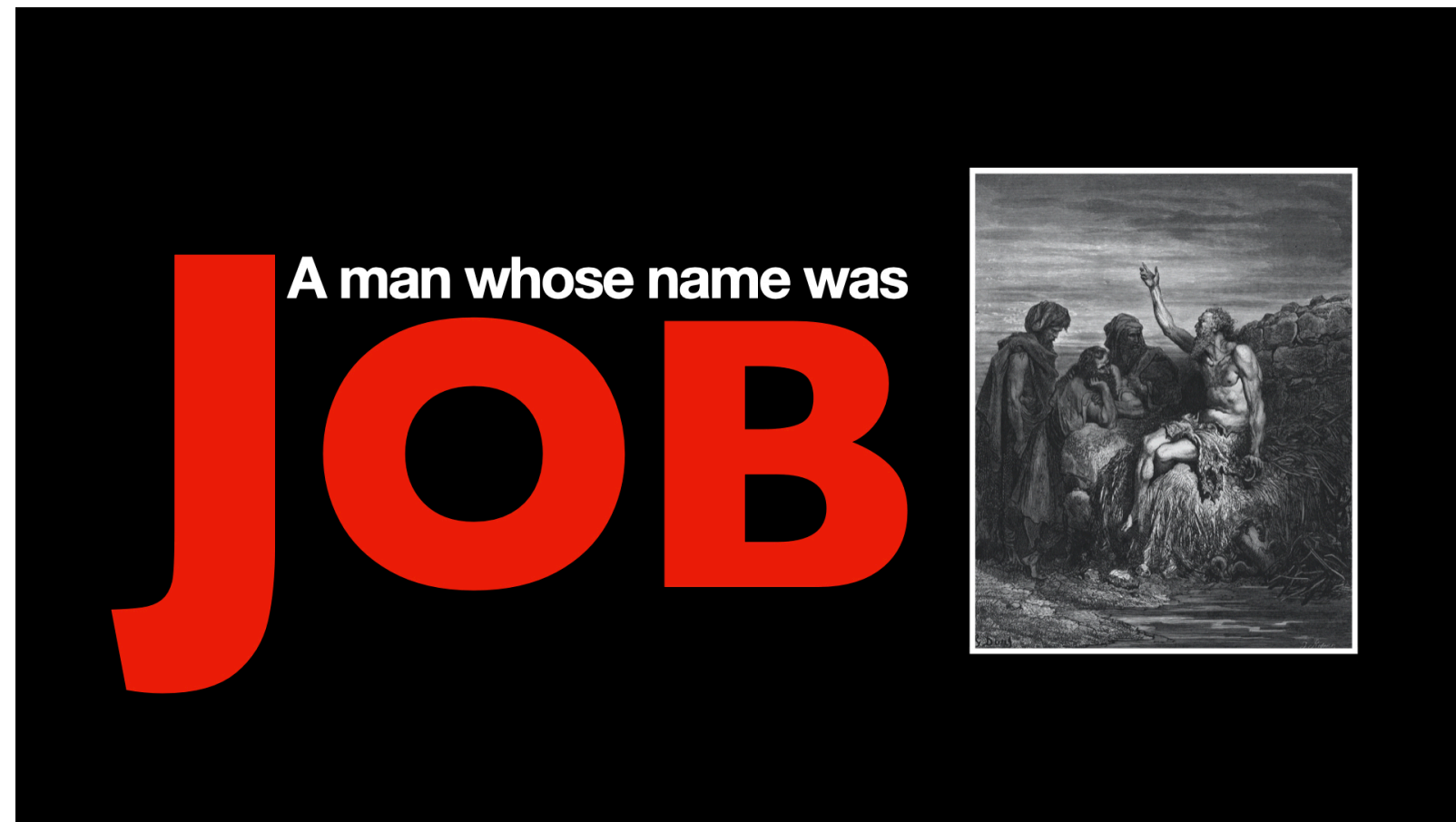
- Prompts us to reflect on real life experiences
- Makes us think about the importance of ethics and consequences
- Allows “us” to converse/commune with God through “our” voices
- Forces us to really and fully think/reason about matters of faith and life
- Gives us another window/perspective to see who and what God really is



God in Job ...

Shows us that ...

- He knows
- He cares
- He loves
- He acts
- He promises
- He instills trust



God in Job ...

Shows us that ...

- **He knows** • Everything that we are experiencing in life
- **He cares** • About us, our families, our concerns and our troubles
- **He loves** • In view of everything that God does/allows, God can not **NOT** love •
- **He acts** • Providentially, miraculously, in the world & in the word, God acts/speaks
- **He promises** • To always ... **ALWAYS** ... to keep his word, to provide/love/act
- **He instills trust** • God's faithfulness to himself leads us to place all of our care on him

