

*From **pain** to **blessing** through **passion***

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Spot the hero...

- I Chronicles 4:1-8
 - *actually verses 9-10 !*
- Who was **Jabez** ??
 - more **honourable** than his brothers ...
 - ... so his mother named him **Jabez**
 - pain, grief, sorrow - **WHY ??**
 - “honourable” = *kabed* = **heavy**
 - a **big baby** ??

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Jabez means pain

- I Chronicles 4:9
 - “because I bore him in **pain**”
- see Genesis 3:16
 - “in **pain** you shall bring forth children”
- Hebrew name = character

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His reaction

- He called out to God ... (verse 10)
 - “**Oh ...**”
- The prayer of Jabez :
 - **provision**
 - “that you would **bless me**”
 - “and **enlarge** my border”
 - **presence**
 - “that **your hand** might be **with me**”
 - **protection**
 - “keep me from **harm**”
 - “so that it might not **hurt me**”



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God's response

- "God granted what he asked"

– **YES !!!**

- What happened next ...



So what ??!

- Are we like Jabez?
 - content to live under the curse?
 - or cry out to God for more?
- Where is our "**Oh ...**" ??
- We should :
 - dare to ask for God's **blessing** & grace
 - think **BIG** - move into God's **provision**
 - depend on his open hand & his **presence**
 - seek his **protection** not to be wounded

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