

Relationship Matters 荣神益人, 建立关系

Live for Christ – Whatever happens
为基督而活 – 无论发生什么事





“Who made the horse?”

Job 39:19-25

2014

“WHO MADE THE HORSE?”

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JOB 38-39

- Earth and Sea
- Dawn, darkness & Sheol
- Heavens – Rain, Ice, Stars, Clouds, Lightning
- Wild Life – lion, raven, mountain goats, wild donkey, wild ox, ostrich, horse, eagle...

WHO MADE THE HORSE?

God to Job:

Are you the one who made the horse so strong?

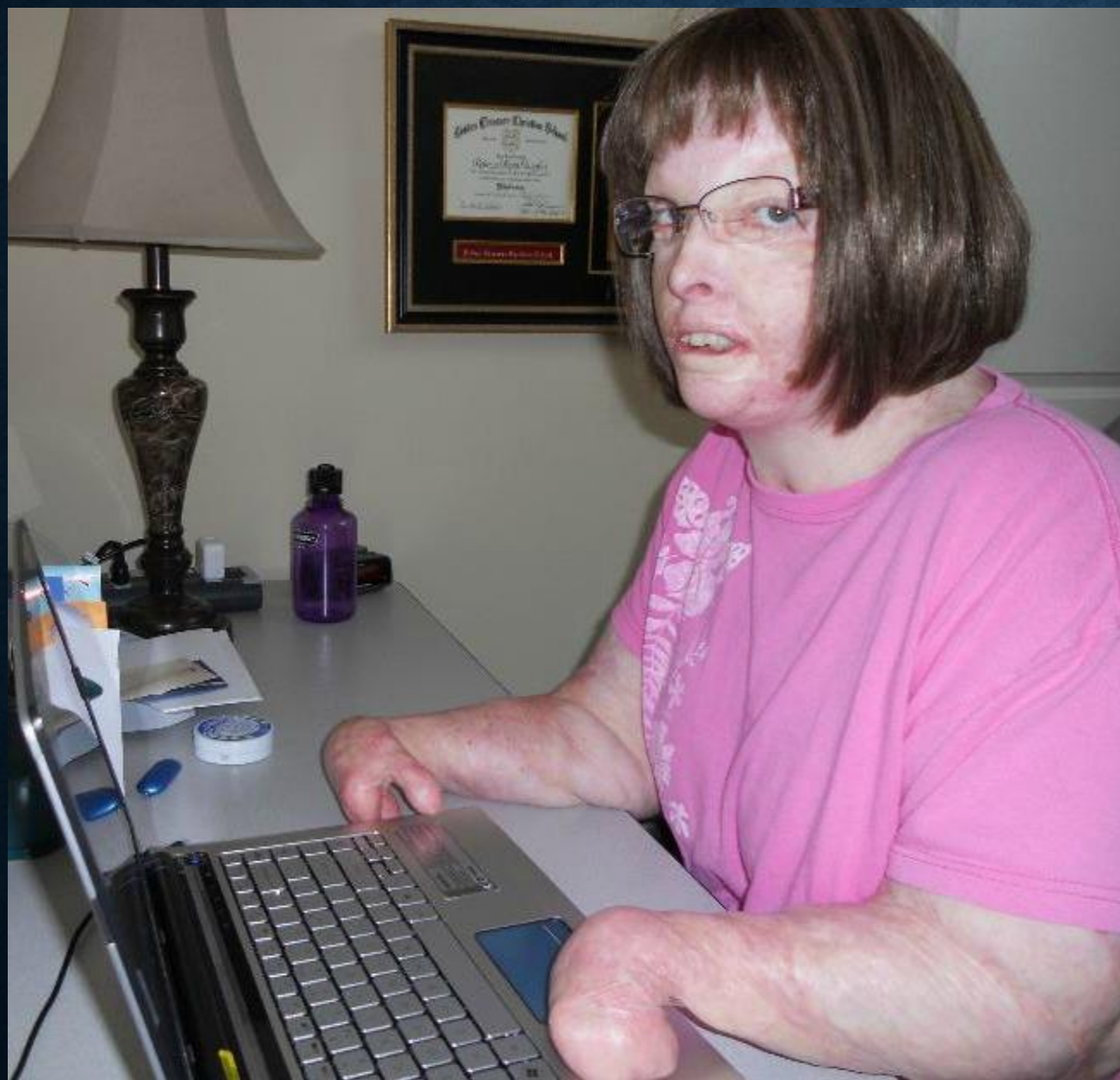
- Leaps with agility and speed
- Snorts fiercely
- Shows mettle in pawing and prancing
- Charges straight into enemy's weapons
- Fear in battle, fierce and raging in the charge

WHO MADE THE HORSE?

BROKENNESS

- Willingness to Yield





More Precious than Gold

The Fiery
Trial of a
Family's Faith

John &
Brenda Vaughn



“MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD”

“... One Saturday night I was baking a cake for Sunday dinner, my husband was making a hospital visit, and the children were bathed and ready for bed. Two year old Becky was playing in the kitchen, occasionally disappearing to bring in a new toy. When she didn't immediately reappear, I found her in the utility room just off the kitchen. Somehow she had managed to remove the lid to the new, red gasoline can my husband had just bought that afternoon. ...

“MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD”

“... Becky ...overturned it and the gasoline was spreading into the kitchen. I moved quickly to retrieve Becky, but before I could reach her, the heat from the oven ignited the gasoline and there was an explosion.... As I stepped into the room to pick up Becky, I called to my other children, telling them to get out....I was standing there frantically trying to smother the flames that covered Becky, barely conscious of the fact that I, too, was burning. I was not yet aware of the pain that I would later experience...”

“MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD”

“...By the time I was able to stand up, the paramedics were already rushing Becky into the ambulance.... Later at the hospital, my husband learned that Becky had sustained second and third degree burns over 92-95% of her body. She was in the hospital initially for 14 months. The doctors discouraged us from getting our hopes up for the first seven months. Only God's grace sustained us through that time. The next 2 years of her life were spent in and out of hospitals for reconstructive surgery.” (61 surgeries over 22 years)

Hidden Treasure



More Precious than Gold

The Fiery Trial of a Family's Faith

John & Brenda Vaughn



A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant green leaf emerging from a mound of dark, textured soil. The leaf is positioned on the left side of the frame, pointing upwards and slightly to the right. The soil is dark brown and appears moist and fertile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus extension of the soil.

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE!

John 12:23

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

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- Job 1: 21-22

Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

A single, vibrant green leaf is shown growing out of a bed of dark, rich, textured soil. The leaf is positioned on the left side of the frame, pointing upwards and slightly to the right. The soil is dark brown and has a granular texture. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of dark brown and black, creating a sense of depth and focus on the leaf and the text.

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE!

John 12:26

If any man serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serves me, him will my Father honor.

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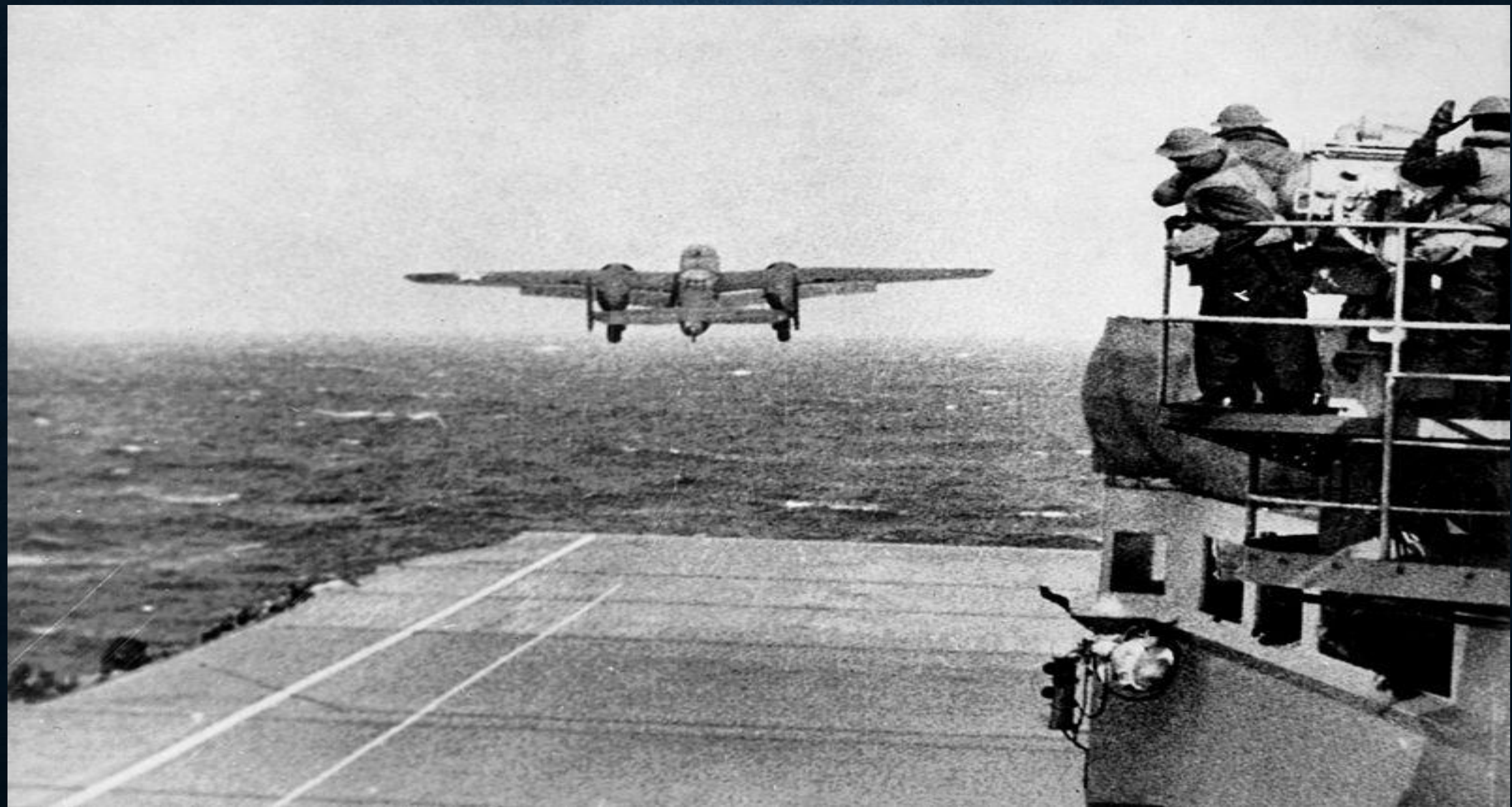
- 2 Cor 12:9

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

“Your Will cannot lead me where Your Grace cannot keep me.”

JACOB DESHAZZAR





“I WAS A PRISONER OF JAPAN”

“I begged my captors to get a Bible for me...At last, in the month of May 1944, a guard brought me the book, but told me I could have it only for three weeks. I eagerly began to read its pages. I discovered that God had given me new spiritual eyes and that when I looked at the enemy officers and guards who had starved and beaten my companions and me so cruelly, I found my bitter hatred for them changed to loving pity. I realized that these people did not know anything about my Savior”

MITSUO FUCHIDA



JACOB DESHAZER

"Jacob DeShazer was brave like a Japanese samurai. He was brave as a prisoner of the Japanese. He never yielded to the guards. After conversion he was braver, enough to love Japanese. As a missionary, he never sought fame or wealth, just the lost. He was kind, patient, and humble, for he was a brave Christian. He was brave enough to make the Japanese commander of the attack on Pearl Harbor one of his best friends..."

—Iwao Shimada, Pastor of the church the DeShazers started in Japan.

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