

JOSEPH AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Genesis 43-45

THE BACK STORY

Genesis 27-42

Isaac would go on to have Jacob, who in turn had 12 sons, two of which by his favored wife, Rebekah, named Benjamin and Joseph. Joseph was highly favored by Jacob, so much so that his other brothers were jealous of him, and they plot to sell him into slavery.

While in slavery, Joseph wrongly gets accused of a crime and is imprisoned. However, while there, he interprets the dreams of the Pharaoh concerning an impending famine. Due to this, Joseph is released and made second in command over all of Egypt. Eventually, the famine comes, and everyone from all over is now suffering the famine. Everyone, that is, except for Egypt, because Joseph had counseled Pharaoh to store up grain for a famine.

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS IN TROUBLE

Genesis 42-44

Joseph is the favored son
All his brothers will eventually bow
Betrayed by brothers for 20 pcs. of silver
Falsely accused and imprisoned
Elevated to the right hand of Pharaoh
Given command over the kingdom
Dispenses food for life at his own will
Shows mercy to his betrayers
Gives grace on top of mercy
Invites his betrayers into his land
Provides for them from that day forward

Jesus is God's Son, in whom He's well pleased
Every knee will bow at the Name of Jesus
Betrayed by a "brother" for 30 pcs. of silver
Falsely accused and imprisoned
Elevated to the right hand of God
Given command over God's Kingdom
Dispenses all good things at His own will
Shows mercy to His enemies
Gives grace on top of mercy
Invites us to enter His eternal Kingdom
We will no longer hunger or thirst forevermore

GOD IS IN CONTROL OVER ALL THINGS

Genesis 45.4-8, 50.20

In the final section of the story, Joseph's brothers fear that after their father dies, Joseph will now *really* do as he pleases, But they are shocked that he maintains his mercy and grace toward them.

**Mercy is not getting what you deserve;
Grace is getting what you don't deserve.**

Romans 8.28



NOTES:

Recommended Resources

The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **forge friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before you start this study, please answer the following questions. What are we aiming to do as we study before group, then meet each week to share what we've learned with one another? What is the goal of theology and studying? Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit, our Helper and Gospel translator, to speak brand new truths about the cross to your heart so that you will simply be in awe of what happened on the cross this coming week leading up to Good Friday.

Good Friday is the day Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' death on the cross. Why is Jesus dying a *good* thing for us to celebrate? Read **Isaiah 53:6, 1 John 2:2, 4:9-10, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:21, 3:18, Romans 3:23-25, 5:6-10, Titus 2:13-15, 2 Corinthians 5:21**, and **1 Timothy 2:5-6**. _____

Who would you be willing to die for? _____

According to Pastor John Piper, there are over 50 reasons that Jesus had to die. In your own words, what are some of the reasons? _____

To find more reasons in the Word, read **Isaiah 53:10, Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 2:9, 2:10, 5:8, Mark 10:45, Romans 5:10, Hebrews 4:15-16, Titus 2:14, 1 Peter 2:19-21, Philippians 2:7-9**, and **Revelation 5:12**. What more did you find? _____

Read **Hebrews 2:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Romans 3:24, 6:23, 8:39**, and **Ephesians 1:3,20, 2:13**, and **4:32**. What are the benefits you have received personally from Jesus dying on the cross? _____

How does God triumph through the cross? Read **Colossians 2:13-15**. _____

How does God inspire us through the cross? Read **1 Peter 2:20-24**. _____

Phillip Ryken says that "goal of theology is worship". How does knowing what happened at the cross, why it happened, and what it accomplished change your worship of God? _____

Break up into two or three people each, guys and gals, and have a mini "Fight Club" confessing any sin before taking communion. Ask each other in love this question, "what areas of your life do you need to confess of not believing these Gospel truths?" Read **Luke 22:19-20**. Take communion, praying and remembering the broken body and blood spilled. Thank God the Father for sending God the Son to die the death meant for us.