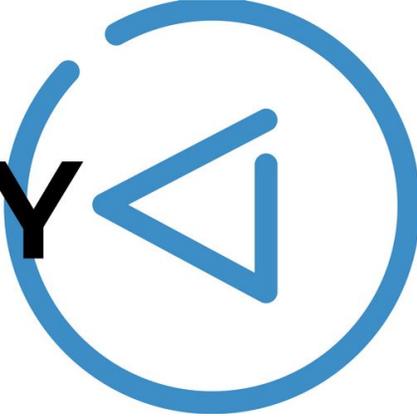


THE SUNDAY RECAP



The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look at next Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week and prepare for the upcoming Sunday. Enjoy!

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

Romans 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What has Jesus delivered us from?
- What do you feel guilt/shame over in your life? Why do you think it is that that/those things specifically cause you guilt/shame?
- In what ways are you still trying to deliver yourself from sin and it's shame?
- What is so beautiful about God's grace in Christ to you?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

***See the [NEW CITY CATECHISM](#) app for great questions to review with your children to help them understand Christian Theology.

- Why would we call Jesus the “deliverer?” What has he delivered us from?
- How did Jesus deliver us from that?
- Do you feel guilty (or just “feel bad”) when you sin? What has made you feel guilty lately? What do you do when you feel this way?
 - Then help the child see that what God invites them to do is to rehearse the message of the gospel and trust in Jesus as the one who died for their sin and ask God to fill their heart with a deeper love for Him.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Kids Bible: [Big Picture Story Bible](#) by David Helm

Article: [True and Better Joseph](#) by Billy Jack Brawner

Books: [Seeing Christ in All of Scripture](#) by Westminster Theological Seminary

SONGS WE SANG **Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>*

[Greater](#) by MercyMe

[Oh How I Need You](#) by All Sons and Daughters

[Your Love Never Fails](#) by Jesus Culture

[How Deep The Fathers Love For Us](#) by Page CXVI

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever!

Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

Your unfailing love will last forever.

Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord?

You are entirely faithful.

You rule the oceans.

You subdue their storm-tossed waves.

The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours;

everything in the world is yours—you created it all.

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,

for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

They rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation.

They exult in your righteousness.

You are their glorious strength.

It pleases you to make us strong.

Yes, our protection comes from the Lord,

and he, the Holy One of Israel, has given us our king.

- from Psalm 89

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

L: According to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

C: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart,

L: Bring us out of our distress. Consider our affliction and our trouble,
and forgive all our sins.

—from Psalm 25

PASSING OF THE PEACE

King Jesus has loved us and turned us into a family. He offers us his peace. As a family, let's put on love and let the peace of Christ in our hearts. Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

- Isaiah 1:18

BENEDICTION

L: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Peace be with you!

C: And Also with you!

SERMON NOTES

JESUS IN THE OT: JOSEPH | [GENESIS 37-45](#)

SERMON SUMMARY— *Jesus is the deliverer who gives new life to those who rejected Him*

Overview of the story...

BAD REPORT, FAVORED SON, & COAT

Genesis 37:2–4 Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers.... And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

THE DREAM

Genesis 37:5–7 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. He said to them, “Hear this dream that I have dreamed: Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.”

JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS - Genesis 37:12-36

JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAMS - Genesis 41:1-36

JOSEPH RISES TO POWER AND STORES GRAIN FOR FAMINE

Genesis 41:47–49 During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

BROTHERS COME TO BUY GRAIN - Genesis 42

Brothers come to buy grain from Joseph, he treats them harshly, says they are spies, instructs them to go back and get their youngest brother to prove their story is correct.

BROTHERS BRING BACK BENJAMIN - Genesis 43

The brothers head back with Benjamin to prove their story. Joseph sees them coming and gives instructions to prepare a feast! They sit and eat and enjoy a feast together (still not knowing it's their brother)

THE SILVER CUP - Genesis 44

They head back home with grain, Joseph hides a silver cup in Benjamin's bag, his servants chase them down, accuse him of stealing. They come back to the palace, Joseph says the one who stole the cup must die. Judah steps up and gives a passionate speech why Benjamin can't die- he is the favored son of their Father.

JOSEPH REVEALS HIS IDENTITY - Genesis 45

Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers- Genesis 45:3 “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

Joseph then tells them three times that it was not them who sent him, but God- v.5- God sent me before you to preserve life; v.7- God sent me before you to preserve you; v.8- It was not you who sent me here, but God!

Joseph sends them back to get Dad, with plenty of provisions and wagons to bring their stuff back. They tell their dad that Joseph is alive, he can't believe it (obviously).

A STORY OF DELIVERANCE - WE ARE DELIVERED BY GRACE

The brothers were so focussed on their sin (which was a BIG deal, don't want to diminish that!) the only thing they could see was punishment from an revenge-happy god. They could not see the grace and provision that they were receiving.

Like those brothers, we can often be so focussed on our sin, believing that God is angry with us, and trying to somehow pay penance for our wrongs that we don't see the Savior standing in front of us with his nail scarred hands open, offering us forgiveness and freedom from our guilt and shame.

SERMON SUMMARY— Jesus is the deliverer who gives new life to those who rejected Him

Summarizing the story of Joseph and *Seeing Jesus-*

Joseph was the favored son.

Joseph was with his father in his father's place enjoying all that his father had

His life was bound up in his father and His father's bound up in him

but he lost it all

He was betrayed by those closest to him

He obeys the Father and it only gets him more betrayal

He descended into a pit

sold as a slave for 20 pieces of silver

left to die

God brought him to a place of prominence

He rose to a place of 2nd in command

Given all authority

All he earned he freely gives to those that sold and killed him

Do you see him?

In chapter 43 we see the brothers eating together with Joseph. What a picture. This is the guilty eating with the one they killed. And all are eating and drinking together and are merry. Enjoying a relationship once destroyed. They don't know it but they're sitting in the presence of their savior. But the best part is he is also their brother. And even though they are the ones that killed him, he has invited them in to dine with him in his house, at his table.

You know what Joseph's brothers are thinking-

"We should be dead, our brother had every right to put us in bondage for our crimes against him, but now we're in the land of plenty, feasting in the presence of our savior, our brother, who earned all this so we could receive it. And although we didn't lift a finger to earn it, we sit here rejoicing that we get to enjoy it. It's as if WE lived the life of success that Joseph did."

I'll ask again- DO YOU SEE HIM?

In [Revelation 19](#) we see something in our future. It's called the marriage supper of the Lamb.

It is the banquet when King Jesus and his people are at last reunited!

And you know what we'll say as we sit with our savior?

"We should be dead, our brother Jesus had every right to put us in bondage for our crimes against him, but now we're in the land of plenty, feasting in the presence of our savior, our brother, who earned all this so we could receive it. And although we didn't lift a finger to earn it, we sit here rejoicing that we get to enjoy it. It's as if WE lived the life of obedience to the law that Jesus did"

PREPARE FOR SUNDAY

To help you prepare your heart and mind for this Sunday, we encourage you to read the scripture & readings and listen to the songs we'll be singing this Sunday. May God prepare our hearts to hear what He has to say to us.

SERMON

Jesus in the OT: The Story of the Lamb

[Exodus 12](#)

SONGS

[Steadfast](#) by Sandra McCracken

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#) by Michael W Smith

[You Have Redeemed My Soul](#) by Page CXVI

[Alive in You](#) by Jesus Culture

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

**C: Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

L: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The story of the gospel is that of God seeking out sinners and making peace with them in our savior Jesus Christ. Now as his ambassadors we have the opportunity to extend that peace to one another. So find a sinner nearby (it shouldn't take long) and extend a greeting of peace to them. ;)

WORD OF ASSURANCE

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

-1 Corinthians 6:11

BENEDICTION

May God himself,
the God who makes everything holy and whole,
make you holy and whole,
put you together—spirit, soul, and body—
and keep you fit for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable.

If he said it, he'll do it!

[summary of 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24]

Peace be with you!

C: And also with you!