

Sermon Notes for April 26, 2020

## ALONE BUT NOT *ALL ALONE* – GENESIS 39:1-6

### SERIES: WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS

<sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. **Genesis 39:2 (NASB)**

## Four Ways We Can Open Ourselves to God's Presence:

### 1. Lay Claim to the Nearness of God

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**Psalm 23:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude **Psalm 46:7 (NLT2)**

<sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Matthew 28:20 (NLT2)**

<sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

**Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**

### 2. Cling to God's Character

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. <sup>4</sup> Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>5</sup> You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you. <sup>6</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.

**Psalm 86:3-7 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? **Exodus 15:11 (NIV)**

### 3. Pray Your Pain Out – Be Honest with God

<sup>1</sup> I am one who knows what it is to be punished by God. <sup>2</sup> He drove me deeper and deeper into darkness <sup>3</sup> And beat me again and again with merciless blows. <sup>4</sup> He has left my flesh open and raw, and has broken my bones. <sup>5</sup> He has shut me in a prison of misery and anguish. <sup>6</sup> He has forced me to live in the stagnant darkness of death. <sup>7</sup> He has bound me in chains; I am a prisoner with no hope of escape. <sup>8</sup> I cry aloud for help, but God refuses to listen; **Lamentations 3:1-8 (TEV)**

<sup>4</sup> For the arrows of the Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks their poison; the terrors of God are arrayed against me. **Job 6:4 (ESV)**

### 4. Lean On God's People

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."  
**Matthew 18:20 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup> But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup> And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

**Exodus 17:9-13 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." **Genesis 28:15 (ESV)**