

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME – GENESIS 41:30-32

SERIES: WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS

¹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. *John 9:1-3 (NIV)*

1. DO YOU HAVE AN "UNSPOKEN CONTRACT" WITH GOD?

- "God, I promise to _____ and _____, if You will _____ and _____."

- A crisis of faith comes when God fails to meet our bottom-line expectations.
- When life is not good what are we to think about God?

¹⁰ "Therefore, hear me, you men of understanding: far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that he should do wrong. *Job 34:10 (ESV)*

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. *James 1:17 (ESV)*

²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. *Daniel 5:21 (ESV)*

2. THE ISOLATED EVENTS OF LIFE MAY BE EVIL, BUT THE ULTIMATE CULMINATION IS GOOD

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. *Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)*

³ Jesus answered, It was not that this man or his parents sinned, but he was born blind in order that the workings of God should be manifested (displayed and illustrated) in him. *John 9:3 (AMP)*

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. *2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)*

- Allow God to define "good."

3. PAUL EXPECTED SUFFERING TO BE A PART OF A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

- *Christians need an eternal perspective.*

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. *Romans 8:17 (NIV)*

²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, *Philippians 1:29 (NIV)*

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. *Romans 8:18 (NIV)*

4. ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR LINE IN THE SAND AND OFFER YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S CONTROL ... REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME?

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. *Hebrews 12:1-3 (NASB)*

¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NASB)*

- ✓ **God is in all days. We will have good days and bad days. He is Lord of the famine and the feast and He uses both to accomplish His will.**