

Sermon Notes for July 12, 2020

TRUST GOD TO ... - GENESIS 47:13-27

SERIES: *WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS*

³ You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You. **Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)**

¹³ Now *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

Genesis 47:13 (NKJV)

1. JOSEPH RECOGNIZED GOD WAS IN HIS CRISIS

➤ *While Joseph struggled to reconcile with his brothers, he was navigating a global crisis.*

⁵⁵ So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do." **Genesis 41:55 (NKJV)**

²⁵ And they said, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh." **Genesis 47:25 (ESV)**

⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. **Genesis 45:5-7 (ESV)**

2. GOD CAN TAKE PAINFUL THINGS AND USE THEM FOR GOOD

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. **Genesis 45:8-9 (ESV)**

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. **Genesis 50:19-21 (ESV)**

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. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30 (NIV)

⁶ *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6 (NASB)**

3. JOSEPH FACED THE CRISIS WITH A PLAN

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh; now, *here* is seed for you, and you may sow the land. ²⁴ "At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones." ²⁵ So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves." **Genesis 47:23-25 (NASB)**

➤ **Joseph had a plan, it was simple, and he saw it through exercising self-control.**

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." **Genesis 12:3 (NASB)**

4. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY DOES NOT NEGATE OUR RESPONSIBILITY

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were going up and that the breaches were being closed, they were very angry. ⁸ And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, to injure *and* cause confusion *and* failure in it. ⁹ But because of them we made our prayer to our God and set a watch against them day and night. **Nehemiah 4:7-9 (AMP)**

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22 (NIV)**