

Living Water Fellowship

14th Sunday after Pentecost – 14th September 2025

COME TO JESUS

SONGS: *I Want to Know You*
What Love My God

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Genesis 50:14-26

¹⁴ After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers & all who had accompanied him to his father's burial. ¹⁵ But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger & pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said.

¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us ¹⁷ to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down & wept. ¹⁸ Then his brothers came & threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. ²¹ No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you & your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

²² So Joseph & his brothers & their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph lived to the age of 110. ²³ He lived to see three generations of descendants of his son Ephraim, & he lived to see the birth of the children of Manasseh's son Makir, whom he claimed as his own.

²⁴ "Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come to help you & lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, & to Jacob." ²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, & he said, "When God comes to help you & lead you back, you must take my bones with you." ²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, & his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: *This Life I Live*

FAITH CHAT:

1. Share a time when you asked “Why God? Why ‘this’?” What came of that?
2. Where in the last week have you seen God at work either “for” you or “through” you? What was that like? What happened?

THE MESSAGE: *BEHIND THE SEEN: SERVING TO SAVE*

OFFERING SONG: *Living Hope*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: ONLY JESUS FOR MY PAIN (ASBURY/RAE)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
You are blessed in Christ;
one gracious blessing after another! -- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *The Wonderful Cross*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Genesis 50:14-26. What strikes you as you read? What questions come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. What do you make of the fear evidenced by Joseph's brothers? What does their fear lead them to do? Compare their actions & attitude with 1 John 4:18. What seems to be lacking as they approach their brother?
3. What does Joseph's continued care for his brothers, even after their father's death, reveal about his character?
4. How does Joseph's question, “*Am I God that I can punish you?*” reject the false promise of the serpent to Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:5)? How have we seen Joseph entrust himself to God's wisdom & goodness throughout this story, rejecting taking matters into his own hands?
5. How should we understand Joseph's statement that, what his brothers meant for evil, God meant for good?
6. How do you think Joseph feels about his dreams at this moment?
7. The brothers' cruelty not only hurt Joseph, but also Jacob, their father. It will eventually cost them their dignity. Discuss how unintended consequences are always greater than we imagine.
8. What does Joseph's dying request to have his bones carried back to Canaan (50:24-26) reveal about his faith in God's promises?
9. How does this passage provide hope & assurance that God's plans will ultimately prevail? How can you share your trust in God to bring good out of challenging or painful circumstances in your life with someone experiencing difficulty in their own life?
10. What might God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, or pray about, as a result of engaging with this passage?

Remember:

*God's saving grace is for all,
and meant to be share with all.*

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

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