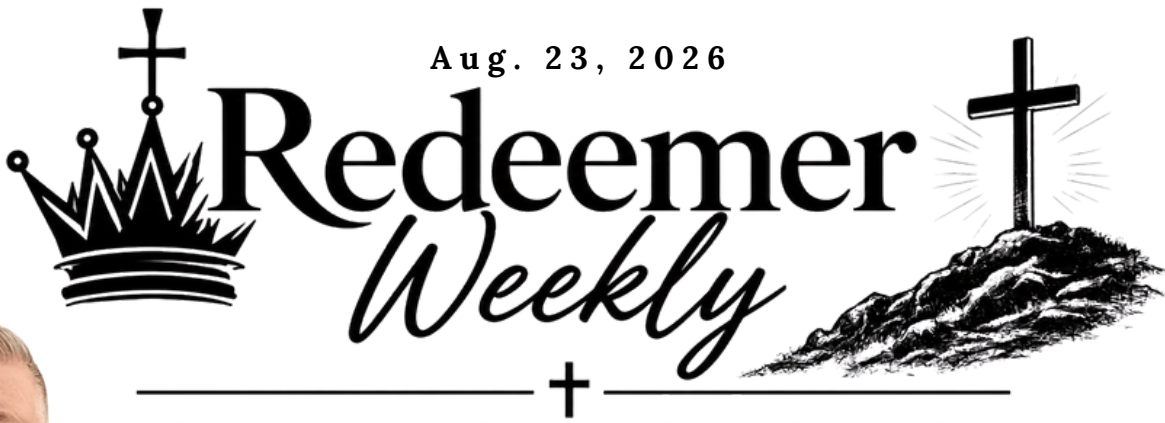


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The Newsletter of Redeemer Church, Piketon, OH

HUMAN SIN NEVER ESCAPES THE SOVEREIGN RULE OF GOD

Genesis 37:18-24

Joseph arrived near Dothan as an obedient son searching for his brothers. He had followed his father's instructions and completed a long journey out of genuine concern for their welfare. Yet before Joseph could reach them, his brothers saw him in the distance and began conspiring to take his life. The young man who came seeking his family was met with hatred, mockery, and betrayal.

Their cruelty had grown from a root of bitterness that had been left to flourish within their hearts. They mocked Joseph as "this dreamer" and determined to destroy the future God had revealed to him. With chilling confidence they declared, "We shall see what will become of his dreams." They imagined that Joseph's life and God's promise were now in their hands.

The brothers could strip away Joseph's coat and cast him into a pit, yet the sovereign purpose of God remained secure. Their hatred was real, their guilt was entirely their own, and their actions were evil. Still, their sin never escaped the sovereign government of the Lord. The pit they intended for Joseph's destruction would become one step along the road to Egypt, where God would eventually raise him to a position of authority and use him to preserve many lives.

This passage offers precious comfort to every believer walking through a season in which God's hand seems hidden. The pit may be deep. Betrayal may wound us profoundly. Circumstances may appear to contradict everything we believed the Lord was doing. Yet no trial can remove us from His presence, and no human opposition can overturn His saving purpose.

Joseph's suffering also directs our attention to the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ was rejected by His own, betrayed for silver, and delivered into the hands of wicked men. Through the very suffering His enemies intended for evil, God accomplished the redemption of His people. The cross declares forever that human sin cannot defeat the sovereign purpose of God.

As we gather for worship this Sunday, we will consider the third message in our series, "The Sovereign Hand of God in the Pit." May the Lord strengthen our faith through His Word and remind us that His counsel shall stand, His promises shall be fulfilled, and His grace shall preserve His people through every dark and difficult season.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday August 23, 2026

11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

Hymn # 66 "This is my Father's World"

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

Hymn # 556 "In Your Presence"

SermonJason Boothe

"Human Sin Never Escapes the Sovereign Rule of God" Genesis 37:18-24

Hymn # 538 "As The Deer"

Closing PrayerKeith Boothe

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WITH GUEST PREACHER
PASTOR JASON BOOTHE
— Redeemer Church of Piketon, Ohio —

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AT 7:30 PM

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ON THE CAMPUS OF BRISTOL VILLAGE
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-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-

GOD WAS STILL IN CONTROL

GENESIS 37:18-24

“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”
Psalm 103:19, KJV

Joseph's father sent him to find his brothers and see whether they were safe. Joseph obeyed and traveled a long distance to reach them. He probably expected his brothers to welcome him. Instead, they became angry when they saw him approaching.

Joseph's brothers had allowed jealousy and bitterness to grow in their hearts. They mocked him, took away his special coat, and threw him into an empty pit. Joseph was frightened and alone. From the bottom of that pit, it may have seemed as though everything had gone wrong.

God was still with Joseph.

The pit was deep, but God's power was greater. Joseph's brothers had acted wickedly and were responsible for their sin. Yet their sinful plan could never stop the good purpose God had appointed for Joseph. The Lord preserved Joseph's life and eventually brought him to Egypt. Years later, God used Joseph to save many people from starvation, including the brothers who had mistreated him.

Joseph later told them:

“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.”

Genesis 50:20, KJV

This does not mean that what the brothers did was good. Their actions were cruel and sinful. It means that God is so wise and powerful that even the evil plans of people cannot defeat His purpose. God remained upon His throne through every part of Joseph's story.

Sometimes we experience situations that feel like a pit. A friend may hurt our feelings. We may become sick or frightened. Our family may face a difficult problem. We may wonder why the Lord allowed something painful to happen.

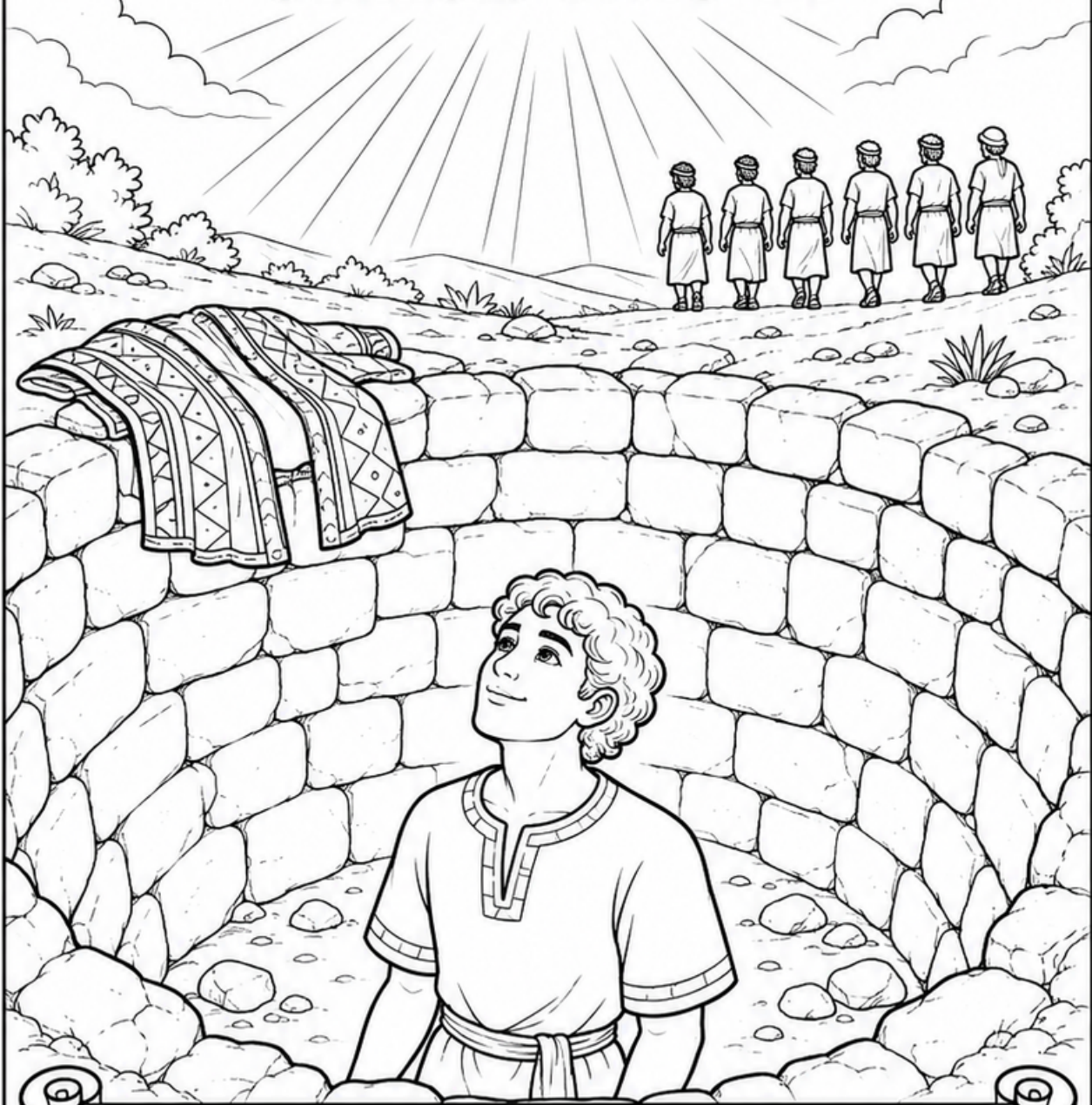
We will not always understand what God is doing. We can always trust who He is. He is wise, good, faithful, and completely sovereign. Everyone who belongs to Christ is held securely in His gracious care.

Joseph's story also helps us think about Jesus. Wicked men rejected Jesus and nailed Him to the cross. Through the death of His Son, God accomplished His saving purpose. Jesus paid for the sins of His people, arose from the grave, and lives forever. The cross reminds us that God's purpose cannot be stopped.

When you feel afraid or alone, remember Joseph in the pit. The Lord saw him. The Lord stayed with him. The Lord was carrying out a plan Joseph could not yet see. The same sovereign God watches over all who trust in Christ today.

GOD'S PURPOSE CANNOT BE STOPPED!

GENESIS 37:18-24



THE LORD RULES OVER ALL

PSALM 103:19

STUDY NOTES

SERMON TITLE:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

PREACHER / TEACHER:

WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT OR THEME OF THIS MESSAGE?

KEY QUOTE OR BIBLE VERSE(S):

KEY POINTS