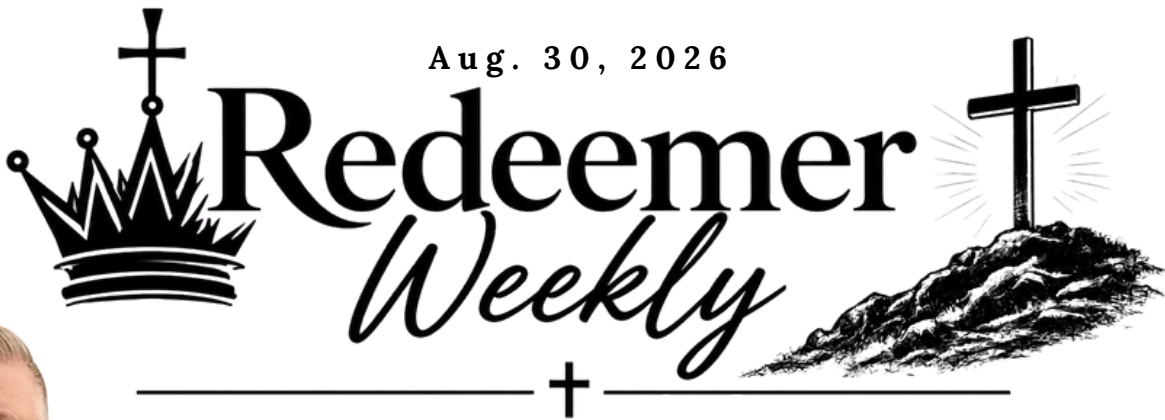


Aug. 30, 2026



The Newsletter of Redeemer Church, Piketon, OH



GOD'S PROVIDENCE REIGNS EVEN OVER THE DECISIONS OF WICKED MEN

Genesis 37:25-28

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, The Sovereign Hand of God in the Pit, with Part Four: "God's Providence Rules Even Over the Decisions of Wicked Men."

Genesis 37:25-28 brings us to one of the most painful moments in Joseph's life. His brothers have stripped away the coat his father gave him and thrown him into an empty pit. As Joseph cries out beneath them, they sit down to eat.

Their hearts have grown cold toward their own brother.

Then a caravan appears.

The merchants are traveling toward Egypt with their camels and goods. Joseph's brothers see an opportunity to profit from their hatred. Judah suggests that they sell Joseph into slavery, and the others agree. Soon, Joseph is pulled from the pit and exchanged for twenty pieces of silver.

To Joseph, the road toward Egypt must have appeared to be the complete collapse of his future. Yet that road was carrying him toward the place God had appointed.

The brothers acted from envy and greed. Their intentions were evil, and they remained fully responsible for what they did. Above their sinful purpose stood the holy purpose of Almighty God. The Lord used their wicked decision to send Joseph ahead of the covenant family. In time, Joseph would become the instrument through whom God preserved many lives during a devastating famine.

The merchants planned their journey, while the Lord directed their steps. The brothers devised their scheme, while God governed its outcome. Every mile of Joseph's sorrowful journey remained under the authority of divine providence.

This truth offers deep comfort to the people of God. We often see only the immediate pain of our circumstances. The Lord sees the whole purpose He has appointed. His wisdom reaches beyond our present understanding, and His sovereign hand continues to guide His people through every season.

Joseph's experience also directs our hearts toward Jesus Christ. Joseph was rejected by his brothers and sold for silver. Christ was rejected by His own and betrayed for silver. Wicked hands crucified the Lord of glory, yet the cross fulfilled the eternal purpose of God and secured the redemption of His people.

The darkest deed in human history became the appointed means of everlasting salvation.

As we gather this Sunday, we will consider how God's sovereignty extends even over the sinful decisions of fallen humanity. We will also see why the doctrine of providence gives believers courage when life becomes painful and the way ahead remains unclear.

The pit cannot defeat God's promise. The schemes of wicked men cannot overturn His counsel. Our sovereign Lord reigns over all, and His grace will faithfully preserve every one of His redeemed people.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday August 30, 2026

11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

Hymn # 894 "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

Hymn # 419 "There is a Fountain"

SermonJason Boothe

"God's Providence Rules Even Over the Decisions of Wicked Men" Genesis 37:25-28

Hymn # 699 "Nearer My God to Thee"

Closing PrayerKeith Boothe

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
AT 7:30 PM

GLENN CENTER
ON THE CAMPUS OF BRISTOL VILLAGE
IN WAVERLY, OHIO

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-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-

GOD WAS WITH JOSEPH ON THE ROAD

GENESIS 37:125-28

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

Genesis 50:20, KJV

Joseph's brothers were very angry with him. They took away his special coat and threw him into an empty pit. Joseph was frightened and far from his father.

While Joseph remained in the pit, a group of merchants came traveling toward Egypt. His brothers decided to sell Joseph to them for twenty pieces of silver. The merchants pulled Joseph from the pit and carried him away.

Joseph's brothers were responsible for their cruel actions. They meant to harm him. Yet God continued to rule over everything that happened.

The road to Egypt was part of God's plan. In time, God would place Joseph in a position of great authority. When a terrible famine came, Joseph would help provide food for many people, including the same brothers who had sold him.

Years later, Joseph told them:

“Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.”

Joseph could finally see that God had been working through the hardest days of his life.

Sometimes things happen that we cannot understand. We may feel afraid when life changes. During those moments, we can remember that God always knows where He is leading His people.

The Bible says:

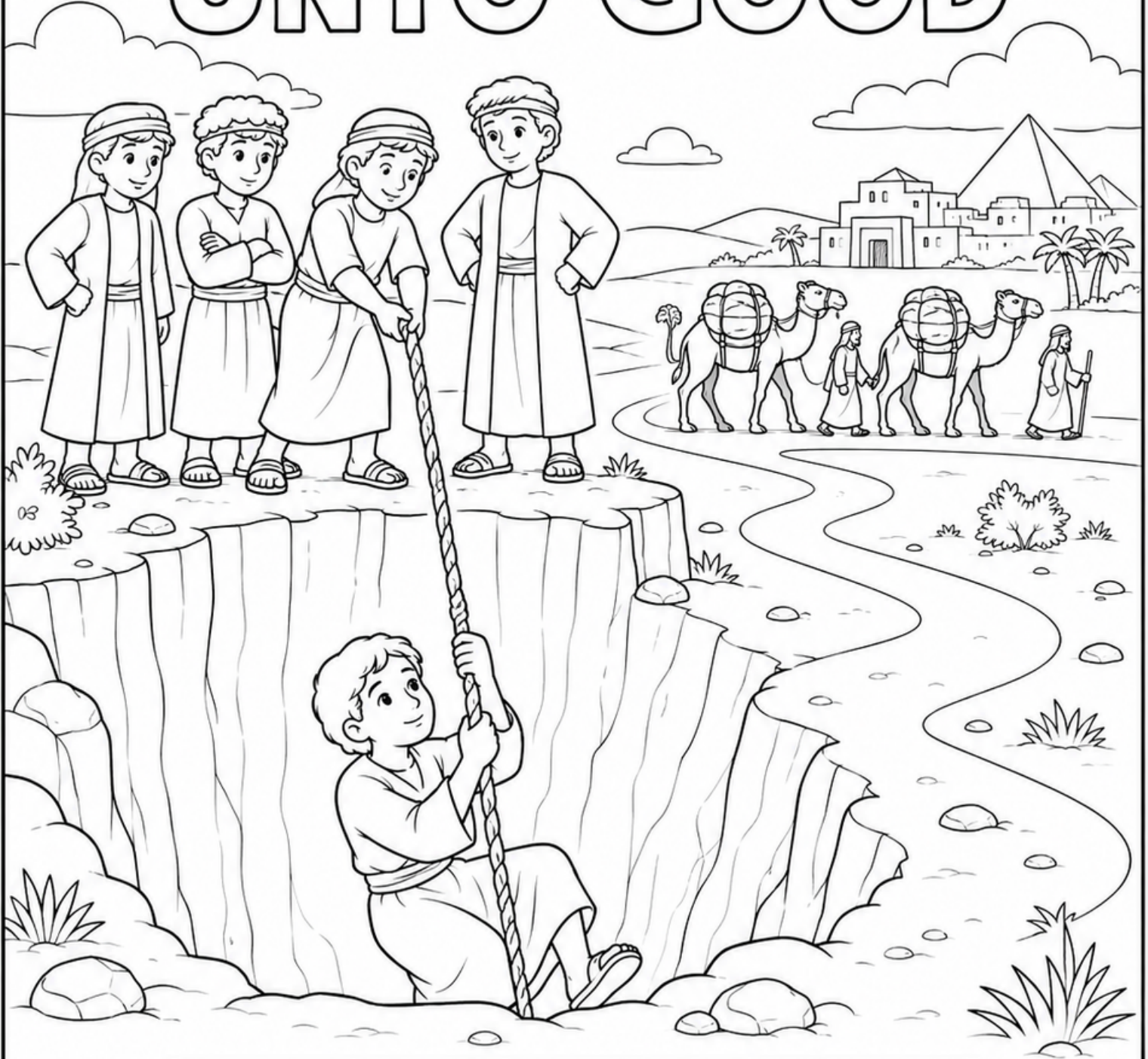
“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9, KJV

God's care for Joseph also reminds us of Jesus Christ. Jesus was rejected and betrayed for pieces of silver. Wicked men crucified Him, while God accomplished His saving purpose through the cross. Jesus died for His people and rose again in victory.

Because of Christ, every believer belongs safely to God. Our heavenly Father watches over us and directs our steps. His wise purpose will always be fulfilled.

GOD MEANT IT UNTO GOOD



Genesis 50:20

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