



Video Sermon Notes: June 7th 2020

Easter Reflections: Sovereignty

Philippians 4:4-13 + Hebrews 13:16

*All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a-thirst may be
Gushing from a rock before me. Lo! A spring of joy I see!*

1. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are the ultimate example of God making a way through the darkest of circumstances. Can you recall a time when life was so dark, and yet God was nearest to you through the trial?

READ: Genesis 50:19-21

It's worth reading the whole story from chapter **37-50**, but this short passage summarizes a very deep message of God's sovereign care. What do you gather from Joseph's rhetorical question, "*Am I in the place of God?*" How do our actions, when motivated by worry and fear, display a desire to play God? Like **Romans 8:28** teaches us, what was God willing to let happen to Joseph so that He could save many lives?

2. What has God asked of you that evokes concerns of fear and worry?

READ: Matthew 28:16-20

Upon Jesus' departure back to heaven, the disciples are entertaining fears and doubts. What does Jesus say to bring them courage? How does Jesus' promise in **verse 20** display God's sovereignty? How does the reality of Jesus' nearness and control help YOU walk by faith?

3. We are told in **Ephesians 1:11** that, "*In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.*" Did you know that YOU are part of God's plan?

READ: Matthew 10:28-31

Pray with me, "*Lord help your church to live in awe of you alone, give us an unshakable confidence in your sovereign care, and lead us to springs of joy! Amen.*"