

Worship

Agnus Dei

Welcome & Prayer

Dance Eternal 2

Hosanna (Be Lifted Higher)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:9, Psalm 146

Hosanna (I See the King of Glory)

Prayer of Confession

God Story

Rev. Canon Francis Omondi

Offerings of Gifts & Tithes

Praise the King

Prayers for One Another

Message

Blessing and Rescue

Pastor Ruth Carver

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Benediction

This weekend's worship leaders and instrumentalists: Steve Belville (bass guitar), Liliana Brunner (vocals), Brian Dreger (electric guitar), Laura Fears (piano/keys), Connie Hendrix (vocals), Sarah Jacobs (vocals), Emily Kee (violin), Helene Pickett (vocals), Bob Short (vocals), Rob Stensberg (drums)

Audio/Visual Team: James Bachman, Zack Johnson, Ndiloma Musa

March 24/25, 2018

"Blessing and Rescue"

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN OUR SUFFERING | PASTOR RUTH CARVER
GENESIS 47-50 | MARCH 24/25, 2018

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Joseph's words to his brothers, Genesis 50:20)

Joseph Rescues His Family and Settles them in Goshen (Genesis 47:1-12)

Meeting #1 – Pharaoh and his 11 brothers

Meeting #2 – Pharaoh and his father Jacob

FINISHING WELL MEANS BLESSING THOSE WHO ARE POWERFUL OVER YOU

Joseph Rescues the Egyptian People from Starvation (Genesis 47:13-26)

FINISHING WELL MEANS BLESSING THOSE WHO ARE POWERLESS UNDER YOU

Jacob Blesses his Family and Points them to God's Rescue (Genesis 47:27-49:33)

Blesses his grandsons

Prophesies over all 12 sons

Gives burial instructions

FINISHING WELL MEANS EMPOWERING THOSE WHO COME AFTER YOU

FINISHING WELL MEANS TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Joseph Blesses his Family and Points them to God's Rescue (Genesis 50:1-26)

Reconciles decisively with his brothers

Charges his family to bury his bones in Canaan

FINISHING WELL MEANS RECONCILING WHEN POSSIBLE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. God first started revealing his blessing and rescue plan for humanity to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3. Read John 3:16 and discuss how this familiar verse demonstrates the fulfillment of God's blessing and rescue plan.
2. Jacob gave an extra stretch of land to Joseph in 48:22. Was this more evidence of favoritism? What other reason might Jacob have had to give Joseph extra property in Canaan?
3. In chapter 49, which two of Jacob's sons had the longest blessings (or oracles) said for them?
4. Joseph was Jacob's favorite, but Judah was God's choice as the father of the tribe from which our Messiah, Jesus Christ, would come. What animal does Jacob say Judah and his descendants are like?
5. In 50:10-11, three people groups honor Jacob at once. Who are they and how might this foreshadow Revelation 7:9-11?
6. Thinking of "finishing well", how does Judah's speech in 44:18-34 show his maturity and repentance from sin? See also 37:26-38:30.
7. Do you have any charges you need to give to relatives or close friends?
8. We heard about 5 ways to finish well today. Which of these do you think would be the most difficult for you to do?
9. How is Joseph's reaction to his brothers in 50:19-21 a foreshadowing of Jesus' heart toward repentant sinners? Give an example from one of the gospels or even from your own life.

FURTHER GROWTH:

There are many resources to help you finish well as a Christian in every aspect of your life. Here are two you might want to check out:

- Subscribe to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes free daily online devotional called FCA Daily Impact Play at fca@fcaenews.ccsend.com. It is filled with helpful Scriptural insights into running the race for Jesus Christ and finishing well derived from the world of athletics.
- Read J.I. Packer's brief but powerful book *Finishing Our Course With Joy: Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging*, which he wrote in 2014 at the age of 87.