"Living and Dying by Faith" Genesis 50:15–26 March 10, 2024

Living by Faith in the Promised Providence of God (50:15-21)

- "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)
- "Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up." (Acts 2:23–24)
- "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

 (Romans 8:28–30)

Dying by Faith in the Promised Providence of God (50:22-26)

- "The last enemy." (1 Corinthians 15:26)
- "I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again." (Genesis 46:4)
- "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers." (Genesis 48:21)
- "By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones." (Hebrews 11:22)
- "These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar." (Hebrews 11:13)
- "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, 'God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." (Exodus 13:19)
- "As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem." (Joshua 24:32)
- "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." (Romans 10:9–11)
- "What is your only comfort in life and death? That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ?" (The Heidelberg Catechism)
- "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)
- "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face." ("God Moves in a Mysterious Way")

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Discuss

- Based on the sermon, what is the providence of God and how is it similar to and different from his sovereignty?
- What are some superficial understandings of the providence of God that Christians should avoid, and what is a more biblical perspective?
- How does faith in the providence of God impact our ability to forgive?
- What are some of the things that people based their lives on that don't stand up to all of life and death, and how is Christianity different?
- Since faith is so important to Christianity, how do the lives and deaths of the patriarchs clarify what it is?

Read

Romans 8:28-39; 10:5-13; Hebrews 11:8-22

Pray

• That the Holy Spirit will empower you to live and die by faith in the promised providence of God.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm
- Good Friday Service: March 29 at 6:00pm (no childcare)
- Egg Hunt: March 30 at 10:30am
- Exploring Membership: April 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30am