

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



May 12, 2024
"Happy Mother's Day"

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Armor of God #6

We are more than conquerors in Christ. Today we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God. We take up the sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God). For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword. Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 4:12

God's Family Story: (Almost) No Perfect People Allowed
Pastor Nick Preston

I. CHALLENGES OBSERVED

1. _____ (Parental Sin)

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. Genesis 37:3

2. _____ (Sibling Sin)

When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Genesis 37:4

3. _____ (Pride)

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. Genesis 37:5

II. CHALLENGES OVERCOME

1. Joseph made himself _____ to God

The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.
Genesis 39:2

The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.
Genesis 39: 23

2. Joseph stayed close to God and _____ him

But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.
Genesis 39: 20-21

TWIST: The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.
Genesis 40: 23

3. Joseph _____ people to the true Savior

"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."
Genesis 40: 8

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."
Genesis 41: 15-16

So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"
Genesis 41:38

4. Joseph sought and embraced _____

Joseph couldn't hold himself in any longer, keeping up a front before all his attendants. He cried out, "Leave! Clear out—everyone leave!" So there was no one with Joseph when he identified himself to his brothers. But his sobbing was so violent that the Egyptians couldn't help but hear him. The news was soon reported to Pharaoh's palace. Joseph spoke to his brothers: "I am Joseph. Is my father really still alive?" But his brothers couldn't say a word. They were speechless—they couldn't believe what they were hearing and seeing. "Come closer to me," Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don't feel badly, don't blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives."
Genesis 45: 1-5 (MSG)

III. CHALLENGES REDEEMED

1. God's _____ is always writing the story.

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt."
Genesis 45:8

2. God's plan is always _____...and always in his perfect timing

Don't you see, you planned evil against me but God used those same plans for my good, as you see all around you right now—life for many people.
(_____ MSG) Genesis 50: 20

3. God's heart is always focused on _____ and _____

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #1

The tithe belongs to the Lord.
We give God the first and the best of our income.

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD."
Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines."
Proverbs 3:9, 10 (TLB)

4Ways to Give:

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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