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UNLIKELY *Grace*

GOD'S GRACE IN THE LIVES OF IMPERFECT PEOPLE

Melodic Line of Genesis: Despite the failure of God's covenant people, God's purposes and plans will come to fulfilment, not through the faithfulness of others but through the faithfulness of God.

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Part 6: "A Crash Course in the Mystery of Providence"

Genesis 29:1-30

Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, (Ps. 145:17;) wise (Is. 28:29, Ps. 104:24), and powerful preserving (Heb. 1:3) and governing all his creatures, and all their actions (Ps. 103:19; Mt. 10:29, 30, 31). - Baptist Catechism #14

BIG IDEA:

A crash course in the mystery of providence in two vital lessons:

I. _____
(29:1-12)

II. _____
(29:13-30)

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

- 1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”*
- 2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.*

[Above from book Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member by 9Marks]

DIVINE DISCIPLINE:

The perfectly wise, righteous, and gracious God often allows His own children for a time to experience a variety of temptations and the sinfulness of their own hearts. He does this to chastise them for their former sins or to make them aware of the hidden strength of the corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts so that they may be humbled. He also does this to lead them to a closer and more constant dependence on Him to sustain them, to make them more cautious about all future circumstances that may lead to sin, and for other just and holy purposes. So whatever happens to any of His elect happens by His appointment, for His glory and for their good. - 1689 London Baptist Confession, 5.5

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UPWARD. INWARD. OUTWARD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What is one observation from this week's text that caught your attention?

What was one truth from this week's message that spoke to you? Why did this stand out to you?

What is one area of this week's message that raised some questions for you?

What one practical step of obedience do you need to take in light of this message?

DIGGING DEEPER

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message. Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

Something to Read:

The Crook in the Lot - Thomas Boston

The Mystery of Providence - John Flavel

The Sovereignty of God in Providence - John Reisinger (available free from www.chapellibrary.org)

Something to Listen to:

Divine Loving Discipline - Curt Arend (available at www.sermonaudio.com)

The Discipline of Life: Hebrews - S. Lewis Johnson (available at www.sljinsitute.net)

Divine Discipline - Dr. Jim Newheiser (available at www.sermonaudio.com)

NEXT WEEK

Unlikely Grace #7 - Genesis 29:31-30:24