

GOD IS NOT ABSENT IN THE CHAOS

4. The Saved Life: Walking into the Unfamiliar Part 2

Genesis 46:1-6

Discussion Questions

1. Because a new life in Christ is so radically different than our old life, our old life can't provide any reference points in this new life. This new life is one of faith and obedience, grounded in knowing who God is. What are these "reference points" that Pastor Richard spoke of and why do we need them? How do we go about (1) knowing them and (2) remembering them?
2. Given that our old life cannot provide any reference points to our new life, what does that imply about our new life in Christ? In what ways are these lives the same? Different? Does your life today correspond to this radical change? What areas of your life today still match your old life? Why is that?
3. Pastor Richard mentioned a term about God and His ways and that is the term "providence". God's sovereignty means that He has the power to do whatever He desires – He has absolute control over His creation at all times – past, present, and future. He also has a purpose for His creation. Providence is God's application of His sovereignty to achieve His purpose(s). Here in Scripture, the Holy Spirit has recorded a window into His providence at work through the life of Joseph and the caring for the nation of Israel. What does Romans 8:28-30 and Ephesians Ch 1 say about His ultimate purpose for His creation?
4. Our natural self has a fear of change, of the unknown, and of unfamiliar places. But it is these places that we discover that He is our sufficiency and our everything - that Jesus is our peace. What are those circumstances and places that you are fearful of today?
5. God tells us to "fear not" throughout Scripture, but He doesn't just tell us this. What has He given to us to remove this fear?