

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Dreamer, Genesis  
37:1-36 - Bradley Bell

May 1, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,  
Best Thing

**Length  
in mins**

**Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals**

**0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 105:1-2, 5-6, 16-22**

It's an exciting day as we return to our journey through the book of Genesis from the past three years. As we begin to walk together through the story of Joseph, let's prepare our hearts and minds. Let's allow God himself to call us to worship through his ancient and yet living word. Say this with me:

\*\*1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!\*\* Psalm 105:1-2

The psalmist then goes on to tell of one of these works. Listen to the Lord's deeds:

16 When he summoned a famine on the land  
and broke all supply of bread,  
17 he had sent a man ahead of them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
18 His feet were hurt with fetters;  
his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
19 until what he had said came to pass,  
the word of the Lord tested him.  
20 The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free;  
21 he made him lord of his house  
and ruler of all his possessions,  
22 to bind his princes at his pleasure  
and to teach his elders wisdom. Psalm 105:16-22

Just as Joseph was set free from slavery to declare God's wondrous works, we the church have been set free to declare them as well. So let's declare this together:

\*\*5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!\*\* Psalm 105:5-6

**0:00 *Revive Us Again* [ Reawaken's Version in E ]**

**0:00 Confession - Lamentations 3:52-54**

In the book of Lamentations we read the words of the prophet Jeremiah, another man who was thrown into a pit like Joseph. He says,

52 "I have been hunted like a bird  
by those who were my enemies without cause;  
53 they flung me alive into the pit  
and cast stones on me;  
54 water closed over my head;  
I said, 'I am lost.' Lamentations 3:52-54

Probably none of us have been literally cast into a pit recently. But it is often true that the harder we pursue God's dreams for our lives, the more difficult things come our way, and often all at once. It can leave us in a spiritual pit, despairing, confused, and feeling abandoned.

This is unusual for Antioch, but I want to invite everyone to close their eyes for a moment. If you have been in a spiritual pit recently, and especially if you are in one right now, raise your hand. This is not so that anyone can see or so the pastors can come talk to you; this is only for the Lord to see; it's a simple way to cry for help from the pit. Now open your eyes and say this with me:

\*\*55 "I called on your name, O Lord,  
from the depths of the pit;  
56 you heard my plea,  
'Do not close your ear to my cry for help!'  
57 You came near when I called on you;  
you said, 'Do not fear!'"\*\* Lamentations 3:55-57

This next song is a hard song to sing, but it is a cry from the pit. It's a way of declaring that Jesus is Lord even over the worst things in our lives.

**0:00** *I Asked The Lord That I Might Grow* [ In G in C ]

**0:00** *Sovereign Over Us* [ Default Arrangement in D ]

**0:00** **Sermon - Genesis 37:1-36**

**0:00** **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

**0:00** *Come Thou Fount* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

**0:00** *The Reward of His Suffering* [ Default Arrangement in A ]

**0:00 Benediction - Philippians 2:15**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - This gathering is only a secondary part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also now is our time for giving—ushers please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so that we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat, and the pen is yours to keep.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. It's your giving that makes possible things like the soccer clinic yesterday. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

**Announcements**

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always include specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servant's wall in the hallway after the gathering as there are numerous new needs listed there):

1) 9 AM Classes - All 9 AM classes take a break next Sunday in celebration of Mother's Day.

2) MCT - Missionary Care Team meets at Lynn and Suzanne Groce's home to pray and care for our distributed members. Their next gathering is this Thursday at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome, not just Advocates. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry see Robbie Gouge.

3) Baptism - This month we will be walking with people through the process of responding to Jesus in baptism. This includes a baptism class on May 15th during the 9 AM classes, with baptisms to follow on May 29th. If you'd like to learn more about being baptized, please sign up for the class so that we can prepare materials—there is a signup sheet on the side table.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction which simply is a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to hold out your hands as a posture of receiving this blessing:

Church, Jesus Christ came as the blameless and innocent Son who was killed by us, yet he overcame our evil. Therefore as you go now blameless and innocent as well, may you be children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Based Philippians 2:15

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.


0:00

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**Slides**

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**Band**

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