

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

One Thing, Genesis 39:1-23 -
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Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,
Best Thing

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

0:00 Call to Worship

Today is another gathering in the season of what the church has referred to as Eastertide. This commemorates the fifty days following Easter (when Jesus rose from the dead) leading up to Pentecost (when Jesus poured out his Spirit on his followers). These were joyous days, but also somewhat uncertain days. They were what we might call “the already-not-yet”.

Why does this matter to us who know the whole story, who have experienced the Holy Spirit poured out on us? Because we too live in a season of already-not-yet. We know Jesus will soon return, but we don't know when. And in the waiting, and the ongoing struggle with sin and a broken world, our desire for God can ebb and flow, and even fade away.

So as we come before God together in worship today, let's do so with the help of the Psalms, which invite us to bring our deepest desires and emotions into this space. We'll do three readings, and each time I'll give you a few moments to consider the words before we speak them together out loud. Here's the first. [pause] Now let's say them together:

****4** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.** Psalm 27:4

Now take a moment to consider these. [pause] Now let's say them together:

****7** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”** Psalm 27:7-8

Now take a moment to consider these. [pause] Now let's say them together:

****13** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!** Psalm 27:13-14

0:00 *Nothing But The Blood* [Nothing But The Blood (Lowry) in E]

0:00 Confession

In regard to the stories of the Old Testament, and specifically the stories of people giving in to temptation, Paul writes these words in 1 Corinthians 10:

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

Church, the surest way to escape temptation is to have a deeper, overmastering desire for communion with God. However, if we're honest, our desires often drift to lesser things, and we don't even know how to get them back on track. This is something that our Father invites us to bring before him in confession. So as an expression of our need, and a longing for God to be our deepest, overmastering desire, let's declare these words together from Proverbs 20:5:

****Counsel in a man's heart is deep water;
but a man of understanding draws it out. Proverbs 20:5, HCSB****

Jesus, you are the man of understanding. You know our deepest desires. Reach into the deep waters of our hearts, and draw out the counsel we take there, and set our deepest desire on you. Amen.

0:00 *It Is Well With My Soul* [Default Arrangement in G]

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0:00 *O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 Sermon - Genesis 39:1-23

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

0:00 *Jesus Strong And Kind* [C in C]

0:00 *I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)* [Default Arrangement in A]

0:00 Benediction

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. 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 - The Men's and Women's Bible study continues next Sunday with its last session. After that will begin a four-week study in Galatians for men and women together. Childcare is provided.

2) Food Pantry - This Saturday is our food pantry. We would love for you and your family to be a part of this ministry that is intentional towards our neighbors offering both physical and spiritual food. If you are interested and have questions, see Bill Stayton. All volunteers come at 9:30 AM. Please let Bill know who will be there.

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, for the joy that was set before him, Jesus Christ endured the cross and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Therefore may you go knowing his desire has been set on you, and thus holding out to the world the One Thing they need most. Based on Hebrews 12:2

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

Audio/Visual

Audio

Jason Cox

Band

Cello

Tim Donaldson 

Keys

Noel Reynolds 

Vocals

Katie Harrod
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