



When Life
Turned
into a
Nightmare

Moments

February 7, 2021

10:00 Worship Service followed by Annual Meeting

Scripture for Meditation

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer. 29:11 NIV)

Prelude

The Lord Will Make a Way

Dorsey/Henry

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Opening Praise

God With Us

Music by Bryan and Katie Torwalt

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You are matchless in grace and mercy; There is nowhere we can hide from Your love
You are steadfast never-failing; You are faithful
All creation is in awe of who You are

You're the healer of the sick and the broken
You are comfort for ev'ry heart that mourns
Our King and our Savior forever
For eternity we will sing of all You've done
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Chorus: (We sing) God with us; God for us;
Nothing can come against; No one can stand between us
God with us; God for us
Nothing can come against; No one can stand between us

Your heart it moves with compassion; There is life there is healing in Your love
You're the Father the Son the Holy Spirit; For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Bridge: Where there was death; You brought life Lord
Where there was fear You brought courage
When I was afraid You were with me
And You're lifting me up; And You're lifting me up

Bridge: And You're lifting me up; And You're lifting me up
And You're lifting me up; And You're lifting me up

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 37:12-36 (NRSV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Psalm Reading

Psalm 57 (NIV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

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5th in the series "Moments"

Offering

Trust in You

Music by Lauren Daigle; Michael Farren and Paul Mabury

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation

Were You There?

Spiritual/Wood

Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

How Firm A Foundation

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(Verses 1, 2, 3, + 5)

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Communion	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist
Psalm Reading	Owen Brown
Old Testament Reading	Rebecca Boston
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Anthem	Section Leader Quartet
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Organist	Sharon Peterson
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The Moment When Life Turned into a Nightmare

Opening Discussion:

- Was there ever a time in your life or someone close to you when life became more difficult than you ever imagined? Share what that experience was like.

Digging Deeper:

- Read Genesis 37:12-36. How had Joseph's life turned into a nightmare?
- What were the brother's feelings toward Joseph? Do you think they were justified in their feelings? (Read also Genesis 37:1-11.)
- What did Joseph's brothers want to do with him initially, why did they change their mind? What did they do instead?
- How would the brothers' relationship with Joseph affect their relationship with their father Jacob (Israel)?
- Many years later, Joseph reflected on his brother's actions. What did he say to them in Genesis 50:19-21? What enabled him to say that? (See also Genesis 39:2a.)

Life Application

- When bad things happen to you, what feelings does it stir up in your own heart?
- In your life, how do your circumstances affect your faith and relationship with God?
- In what ways can you cultivate your relationship with God, so that when difficulties rise you will turn toward God and not away from him?
- Are there any areas in your life right now where you feel distant from God or are without hope? What other believers in your life can you reach out to for support?

Suggestions for Prayer

- Praise God for being the "God who sees" and the "God who hears;" for being present in all places and times, including in your life's circumstances.
- Lift up your difficulties and challenges in life to God, entrusting them to his power, wisdom, love and goodness.
- Pray that God would reveal himself to you in the midst of your struggles, saying "Show me what you want me to know about this situation," or "Show me what you want me to do."
- Remember and practice Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ... so that you might experience Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."