

Sunday, October 6, 2024

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**BCC 10th Anniversary Sunday
Help for the Weary Believers - Part 2
Romans 8:28**

Introduction

- What are you feeling, carrying, or struggling with this morning? - **Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 11:28**
- Come to Me all who are weary....and rest

The Weary Rests In God's Sovereign Providence

- The foundational doctrine: Providence

Providence defined: "God is continually involved with all created things in such a way that He (1) keeps them existing and maintaining the properties with which He created them; 2) cooperates with created things in every action, directing their distinctive properties to cause them to act as they do; and (3) directs them to fulfill His purposes
- Grudem

- What do we know?
- We know all things are made to work together
 - In our suffering - **Roman 8:18**
 - For God's purpose - **Ephesians 1:11, 14; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Psalm 2**
 - For our good - **vv. 26-27; Jeremiah 29:11; 32:37-42**
- Joseph our example - **Genesis 50:20**

The Weary Rests Because They Are Loved

- We know we are loved - **Romans 5:5**
- So we love - **John 14:21; Matthew 22:34-40**

"I believe that Paul had a special reason for using the term 'love' rather than the term 'believing' at this point. One of the best ways whereby we can decide immediately [if] we love God or not is our reaction to adversity ... There are many people ... who ... when trials and tribulations arise ... they give up. They feel they have been let down."

- ML Jones

The Weary Rests Because They Are Called

- We are called - **Romans 1:1; Acts 13:2; Acts 16:10**
- We are Confident - **Philippians 1:6, 12-18**

So What?

- Are you called?
 - **1 Peter 5:6-11**
 - Are you resting?
 - **Hebrews 3:19; 4:9-11**
 - **1 Corinthians 12:18, 21-26**
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)

- Read **Genesis 37:39-50**. Reflect on Joseph's life.
 - If you were Joseph, how would you have felt?
 - How do you see Joseph responding to life's problems?
 - Does God's providence in Joseph's life mean his brothers were not responsible?
 - How does Joseph's life help us with our perspectives in life?