



# REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*

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HEBREWS 11

March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

## **Call to Worship:** Romans 8:26

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought.

**ALL: But the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.**

## **Song of Ascent**

*The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.*

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

## **Reading of the Law:** Isaiah 38:17-20

*While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.*

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness. The LORD will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Confession of Sin:** "Forgive Us, Lord!" Jorge Lockward

*In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.*

For so much injustice, **forgive us, Lord!**

For so much indifference, **forgive us, Lord!**

As we forgive others, **forgive us, Lord!**

According to your promise, **forgive us, Lord!**

Liberate us from evil, **forgive us, Lord!**

That we may serve you today, **forgive us, Lord!**

**Forgive us, Lord! Amen**

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 5:1-5

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Song of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

Nothing But the Blood

## **Worship Through Giving:** Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://redeemerwh.org/give)

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal:** 9am

*Children through 3 years old are dismissed for kids' worship.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:15-26

## **Song of Response & Sending**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

Sovereign Over Us

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

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22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

Pg. 1008 (Hebrews 11:22 ESV)

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

22 So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. 24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Pg. 44 (Genesis 50:15-26 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** By Faith

**Sermon Title:** What's the Meaning of This?

**Date:** March 14, 2021

## **I. FEAR**

*What is the posture of Joseph's brothers toward him? What's revealed in their posture?*

## **II. MEANING AND MYSTERY**

*What does Joseph teach us about how to understand God's silence? How does he interpret the meaning of suffering?*

## **III. BY FAITH JOSEPH...**

*Where does the power for a faith like Joseph's come from? How can you get it?*

# Lenten Devotional

## WEEK 4: ANGER

### SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 137

*1 By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 On the willows there we hung up our lyres. 3 For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! 7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!" 8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us! 9 Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!*

This is a psalm of a dislocated, disgraced, and frustrated people being carried away to slavery while their homeland gets destroyed. Everything they hoped for, believed in, and enjoyed has been tainted or destroyed completely.

**Q: How can you resonate with their anger? Why?**

**Q: How do you respond to a loss of control or helplessness?**

**Q: How does God disarm or deal with this sort of anger in Christ?**

### PRAYER

*Pray that your anger would lead you to an acceptance of your helplessness before powers that you can't control, drawing you into the arms of God.*

*Pray for gentleness among your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who would disarm anger and give opportunity to point toward Christ as the just and merciful judge.*

*Thank Christ for both absorbing our unrighteous anger on the cross and executing His just anger against unrepentant evil in the end.*

## POEM

My God, sometimes I cannot pray,  
Nor can I tell why thus I weep;  
The words my heart has framed I cannot say,  
Behold me prostrate at Thy feet.

Thou understandest all my woe;  
Thou know'st the craving of my soul—  
Thine eye beholdeth wheresoe'er I go;  
Thou canst this wounded heart make whole.

And oh! while prostrate here I lie,  
And groan the words I fain would speak:  
Unworthy though I be, pass not me by,  
But let Thy love in showers break.

And deluge all my thirsty soul,  
And lay my proud ambition low;  
So while time's billows o'er me roll,  
I shall be washed as white as snow.

Thou wilt not quench the smoking flax,  
Nor wilt thou break the bruised reed;  
Like potter's clay, or molten wax,  
Mould me to suit Thy will indeed.

*["Unuttered Prayer" by Josephine D. Henderson Heard (1861–1924). Heard was an African American poet and writer from the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) tradition.]*

## MORE RESOURCES

Visit [redeemerwh.org/lent](https://redeemerwh.org/lent) for playlists and daily devotionals

## Announcements

**Men's Bible Study:** Guys, our Men's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30am** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary. *We will NOT meet March 23 or 30.*

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Online Directory:** Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit [redeemerwh.org/directory](https://redeemerwh.org/directory) to access your profile.

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic](https://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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