

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 04-28-2024

Transitions fill our lives. Moving from our well-known past to our unknown future, we move through uncharted territory. We must leave behind comfort, familiarity, and safety. As Jesus leads us, he whispers, "Will you trust me?" Our response to the challenges of unfamiliar ground reveals our answer.

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Psalms 46:1-3, 7, 10-11 NIV

[1] God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. [2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, [3] though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

[7] The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

[10] He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." [11] The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Romans 8:31-39 NLT

[31] What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? [32] Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? [33] Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. [34] Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. [35] Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? [36] (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") [37] No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours

through Christ, who loved us. [38] And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. [39] No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NLT

[17] Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, [18] yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! [19] The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. (For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.)

Series: UNFAMILIAR GROUND Series Big Idea: Transitions fill our lives. Moving from our well-known past to our unknown future, we move through uncharted territory. We must leave behind comfort, familiarity, and safety. As Jesus leads us, he whispers, "Will you trust me?" Our response to the challenges of unfamiliar ground reveals our answer. Text: Genesis Chapters 37, 39-41 (Joseph's Story) Title: Day by Day

Genesis 39:1-6 NET

[1] Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt. An Egyptian named Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh and the captain of the guard, purchased him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there. [2] The Lord was with Joseph. He was successful and lived in the household of his Egyptian master. [3] His master observed that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made everything he was doing successful. [4] So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal attendant. Potiphar appointed Joseph overseer of his household and put him in charge of everything he owned. [5] From the time Potiphar appointed him over his household and over all that he owned, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's household for Joseph's sake. The blessing of the Lord was on everything that he had, both in his house and in his fields. [6] So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; he gave no thought to anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well built and good-looking.

Sermon in a Sentence: Overnight transformation is seldom overnight.

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