

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Joseph

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One of my favourite Old Testament characters is Joseph. When you consider the book of Genesis has 50 chapters and 14 of them are devoted to Joseph then God places a great deal of importance on Joseph.

Why? The first reason I can think of is Joseph's consistency in trusting God. Joseph had many adversities in his life. Sold into slavery at 17, based on false testimony cast into prison and then forgotten until it became beneficial to be remembered.

Nowhere, absolutely nowhere, do we ever read of Joseph questioning his predicament. He never asked, "why me?" I would suspect that if Joseph had been asked why him his response would have been - "why not me?" My younger brother suffered a heart attack at 48 and only got worse until his passing last year at age 56. The last time I visited him I think we both knew it would our last visit. We had a heart to heart conversation at his kitchen table and I told him how I admired his attitude throughout his illness. I had never heard him complain or ask, "why me". He looked me in the eye and said the same thing I think Joseph would have said, "Why not me?"

Joseph loved God and never doubted Him. His trust was unwavering. Genesis 45:7-8 he revealed himself to his brothers and to assure them he was not angry or going to seek revenge, he said, " (7) And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (8) So now [it was] not you [that] sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Joseph knew God had a plan for him. He did not need to know all the details or to be asked permission. Just trust God and everything will be alright.

A lesson for all of us - Just trust God and everything will be alright. In the end, when things seem darkest and our hope appears to be gone, when God is all we have, then we will realize that God is all we need.

This week's video lesson is: (Contact me if you do not have Quicktime)

Hebrews 3:1-19, Christ Is Greater Than Moses

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