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UNDEFEATED BY DYSFUNCTION

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Our world is suddenly dysfunctional in ways that we could never have imagined! Can we remain "Undefeated" in this time of great turmoil?

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 256 How Great Thou Art

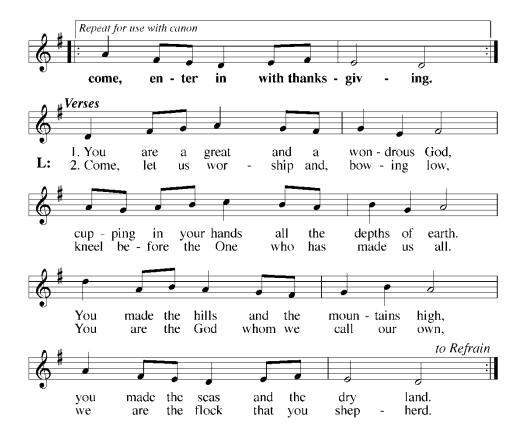
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- M Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the helper of the weary and the brokenhearted.

- C We have tasted and seen that you are good.
- M You stand ready to help in time of need.
- C We are easily distracted, and all too often we lose sight of what it looks like to live according to your will.
- M Jesus, teach us your ways that we may live more in line with your design. We pray in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
- C and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:1-10

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Jesus has accomplished salvation by meeting the righteous demands of the law in our place. By faith we now have a new spirit which is led by the Holy Spirit.

Life Through the Spirit

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, ^[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. ^[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

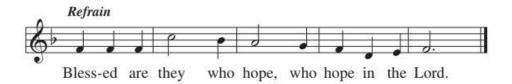
⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[d] because of righteousness.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42-43

We pray for the Lord to send his light and truth to guide us.





As the deer pants for streams of water,* so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?*
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,* for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

GOSPEL Matthew 20:17-28

James and John, caught up in worldly notions of power and glory, send their mom with a request for places of honor in Jesus' coming kingdom.

Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

A Mother's Request

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

HYMN OF THE DAY 102

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway, And doomed to everlasting pains We wretched, guilty captives lay.

Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected store Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too poor.

Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid. O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

Jesus the sacrifice became To rescue guilty souls from hell; The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb Beneath avenging justice fell.

Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

Pastor Peter Panitzke

Joseph's Dreams

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

²This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 110

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow, But such disdain! So few The longed-for Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way And his sweet praises sing, Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.

Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away. A murderer they save; The Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he To suff'ring goes
That he his foes From death might free.

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home But mine the tomb Wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine, Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

CLOSING PRAYER

- M God of love, as we continue our Lenten journey, purify our desire to serve you.
- C Free us from any temptations to judge or to place ourselves above others.
- M Fill us with your love and grace, that we might be less and less absorbed in ourselves,
- C and filled more and more with the desire to follow you.
- M We praise you now
- C and forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Carol Gosseck, Janelle Gray, Lois Guhr, Connie Hikade, Josh Nagel, Judy Schmidt, Jeanne Steinbrecher, Dick Sternberg, and Al Wolfsohn.

HOSPITALIZED

Fred Liermann is in hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, Dorrette Probst in home hospice care, and Eileen Schnell at Season's Hospice in Wauwatosa. Bev Scharf is at West Allis Memorial and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago.

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Undefeated by Dysfunction Genesis 37

I. Mourn the Dysfunction

- a. Mourn the pain it causes.
- b. Mourn your part in the dysfunction.
 - I) Joseph's part?
 - 2) Jacob's part?
 - 3) Joseph's part?
 - 4) My part?
 - 5) Who is missing in the midst of dysfunction?
- c. Transfer the dysfunction (Romans 8:3; Matthew 20:28).

2. Celebrate the Dysfunction

- a. The LORD is working in it (Genesis 39:2).
 - 1) Joseph's experience
 - 2) Our experience
- b. The Son of Man is preparing you for ministry (Matthew 20:24-28).
- c. How long? The Lamb knows (Revelation 5:1-10).

My Next Steps to an Undefeated Life

- **Find Refreshment:** Read Psalm 42-43 over regularly. Let these words be the refrain in your heart instead of the negativity that can so easily creep into our hearts during this time of isolation.
- Find the LORD: The complete absence of God and the LORD's name in the Genesis 37 reminds us
 that dysfunction breeds in the places where our Savior is not present. Make a commitment to begin
 reading the Bible daily. Join Our Journey to the Empty Tomb. Here is the link to the reading guide.