

Sunday May 5, 2024 - "Genesis - Joseph - Week 6 - The Weapons of War - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 49:22-26, Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:7-8, 2 Corinthians 10:4

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

#### Main Ideas

- We have an enemy that wants to destroy us..how do we engage in win this war?
- Genesis 49:22-26 (Joseph's blessing)
- Br fruitful (a command for all of us)
  - Adam and Eve...more than just procreation
  - In every aspect of our lives (kingdom fruit)
- Everyone is fruitful...we either produce good fruit to bad fruit
- Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:7-8 (trees bear fruit)
  - The depths of our roots determine our ability to produce fruit
  - Tested in times of drought/difficulty
  - Whose trust IS the Lord
- Faith and trust forged in adversity
- v23-24 - Life lessons for us
  - Imagery of war...we don't ever see literal or physical power/war from Joseph
  - He is a mighty warrior...battle isn't physical but spiritual
  - 2 Corinthians 10:4 - weapons aren't physical things, what are the weapons we deploy
- The Weapons of War
  - 1) Trust
    - Joseph puts his trust in the Lord
    - God is up to something good...even when we can't see it
  - 2) Forgiveness - Reconciliation takes two, but forgiveness is up to you
  - 3) Tender heart
    - Over and over Joseph weeps
    - He does it in front of his brothers
  - 4) Obedience - Joseph gives tender obedience to God in the midst of great pain and difficulty
- Commitment to prayer impacts ALL of these
- Our goal is to hear the voice of God and obey what he says

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. In your own words and life, what does it mean to be fruitful?
2. What have you learned about trust and good fruit being inseparable?
3. How do you you continue to believe that God is up to something good?
4. How do you keep your heart tender on a regular basis?
5. What does it look like for you to be committed to prayer?
6. When was a time that you remained obedient to God in the midst of pain and trial?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**Songs from the weekend:**

**[Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [Only A Holy God - City Alight] - [Son of Suffering - Bethel Music] - [I Speak Jesus - Charity Gayle]**