

WEEK I

TRUST is the fruit of a relationship in which you know you are LOVED.

Genesis 39:2-6a

² The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, ⁴ Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

God was WITH Joseph.

Genesis 39:20-23

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Genesis 50:19-21

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

REDEEM:

:: to recover, exchange, buy back :: to obtain the release or restoration of, as from captivity, by paying a ransom.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

50 WHAT?

- 1) Get IN.
- 2) Stay SEATED.
- 3) Wait WELL.

"Faith never knows where it is being lead, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

- O. Chambers



Where is Jesus inviting you to trust HIM next?

How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) <u>Admitting</u> that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.

I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

- :: Identify a specific experience you've had with trust [healthy/broken]. What happened?
- :: Why do you think trust is such an impactful and integral part of relationships in life?
- :: Revisit/Review some of the major events of Joseph's life. [Genesis 37-50]
 - :: Where/How did he demonstrate trusting others/God? How did it turn out?
 - :: How did God honor, or respond, to Joseph's choice[s] to trust?
 - :: In what ways has your journey been like, or unlike, Joseph's journey?
 - :: What does that reveal about your level of trust in God or others?
- :: Pastor Shawn said, "Trust is the fruit of a relationship in which you know you are loved."
 - :: How have you seen that play out in your life or others?
 - :: What are some tangible implications of living in that reality?
 - :: What do you find most comforting, or disconcerting, about that?
- :: Identify 1 thing you can do this week to take a next step toward greater trust in Jesus.
- :: Ask at least one person to pray for you & hold you accountable to do it.

Friends -

Thank you for the prayers and support you have generously given in response to the flooding at our BridgePointe 485 facility. As we continue to work with our insurance company to address the impact of this unprecedented event, we have continued to collaborate with work crews to recover and prepare the facility for restoration. At the same time, we have also reinforced our existing mitigation and coordinated with local officials to prepare adjoining properties for future crests.

As we continue forward, here's how you can help today:

PRAY

- For those impacted by this flooding—those in our cities and all along the Mississippi as they move towards recovery.
- For forecasted rain and river levels to be minimized.
- For safety for the crews who continue to work at BridgePointe.

GIVE

- Text: Simply text the word FLOOD and the amount you want to donate to 309.517.0680 (i.e. "FLOOD 50" to give \$50)
- Online: Go to heritageqc.com and click the RED banner to access the DONATE NOW button and complete your gift.

RALLY

Thanks to many of you who participated in our first "Rally Day" clean up opportunity at BridgePointe. We got a lot done thanks to your efforts. Our next opportunity to Rally Together at BridgePointe for continued restoration efforts will be Saturday, June 15th 9am-12pm. Sign-ups for teams are available online at heritageqc.com!







