

September 1, 2019
SERMON SERIES: Genesis: Act III
SERMON TITLE: "God's Redemption Of Our Scars"
Genesis 39 - 45

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series, "Genesis: Act III" with a look at what seemed like a total loss in Joseph's life.

- Describe an event or situation in your life that appeared, at the time, to be a "total loss". Why did it seem that way?
- Pastor David said that God is not on our timetable, and we often mistake God's delay as a "no" in our lives. When have you experienced this? When God seems absent and/or when the "redemption" of our difficulties takes longer than you want, do you doubt the truth of Romans 8:28?
- Pastor David shared that no one is beyond God's redeeming power; and yet, "we are tempted to freeze people in time and forever define them by their mistake, by their sinful decision, by the hurt they caused." How does this tendency block our ability to see when God is working to change people?
- Joseph's story teaches us that we can trust God with our pain, brokenness, and loss. In what concrete ways are you trusting God with the pain in your life (give some examples)? What behaviors/attitudes in your life illustrate that you are not trusting Him with your pain (give some examples)?
- What are you waiting for God to redeem today? While you are waiting, what can you do to renew your trust that God will use your circumstances for His glory? Ask God to help you do that.

To watch this week's sermon, visit Dawsonchurch.org/GenesisAct3.

ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY:

The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

- Genesis 39:23

The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

- Genesis 40:23

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream...

- Genesis 41:1

Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.

- Genesis 38:26

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar...

- Matthew 1:1-3

