

Sermon notes: March 14, 2021

Kind Of Like A Water Fountain

Passage: **Genesis 50:15-21**

Joseph Was Horribly Mistreated

Genesis 37:26-27 ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

Joseph Took A Road Much Less Traveled

Matthew 5:38 ³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

Matthew 5:44 ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Application:

Don't Try To Take God's Place

James 1:20 ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Romans 12:19 ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[a] says the Lord.

Count On God's Good Plan

Philippians 1:12 ¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^[a] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

Be An Instrument Of Grace

1 Samuel 24:12 ¹² May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.

1 Peter 2:20-21 ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Ephesians 4:32 ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Desert Song

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

Diamonds

Verse 1

Here and now I'm in the fire in above my head
Being held under the pressure
Don't know what will be left
But it's here in the ashes
I'm finding treasure

Chorus 1

He's making diamonds diamonds
He's making diamonds out of dust
He is refining and in His timing
He's making diamonds out of us

Verse 2

I'll surrender to the power of being crushed by love
'Til the beauty that was hidden isn't covered up
Oh it's not what I hoped for
It's something much better

Bridge

Oh the joy of the Lord
It will be my strength
When the pressure is on
He's making (diamonds)
(REPEAT)
He's making

Chorus 2

He's making diamonds diamonds
Making us rise up from the dust
He is refining and in His timing
He's making diamonds out of dust
Making diamonds out of us

I won't be afraid to shine
I won't be afraid to shine
I won't be afraid to shine

'Cuz He's making diamonds out of dust
Making diamonds out of us

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away

My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name