From Human Weakness to God's Faithfulness

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INTRODUCTION

- One of the main themes we see within a book like Genesis … is the majesty of God, his might, his glory being accentuated through the weakness of humanity.
- Rather than the story being about me or being about you, the story is about God.
- We have a God who doesn't give up on us when things are not going well. When everything seems broken and beyond repair.

1 God's Glory Accentuated by My Weakness

Deuteronomy 8; 1 Corinthians 1:23–31; Romans 3:5–8

- God's glory is accentuated. It is highlighted by the reality of my weakness, the things that I do wrong, how I don't get it right.
- Through human weakness, which is just a reality, actually, God's glory is magnified.
- Even in my mistakes, God is glorified. Because what we see is he is so different than me. He is so far above me.
- God uses our weakness to then magnify his glory to show that it is actually him working behind the scenes to make all of this work out. He is guiding the ship, not me.
- God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong … so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.
- When I do things wrong, when I act unjustly, when I am acting in unrighteousness, it only goes to accentuate and abound to God's glory, that God remains just.

2 Failure or Crisis Provides Opportunities for Growth

Genesis 26:1

- The idea of failure or crisis, difficulty in life, these things provide opportunities for growth.
- We find ourselves in similar places as our fathers. Sometimes handling those situations better, sometimes making the same mistakes.
- There are parts of these crises and difficulties over which we have absolutely no control.
- It's not always that itself is the issue. It's more about how we handle it.
- When we go through the difficulties and the trials, whether they're of our own doing or whether they're beyond our control, it then reveals who we are.
- It's not all dependent on me getting it all right. It's about a God who is gracious and merciful and has a plan who can redeem what is broken.

3 How My Choices Influence My Children

Genesis 16

- When Isaac finds himself in that same situation, what does he do? He straight out lies.
- What kind of impact and influence am I having on my children and honestly, even other people's children and other people around me by the decisions I'm making.
- I need to have my heart set on doing the will of God, and when I don't do it right, admit it.

4 Even in Our Struggles and Weaknesses, God Offers Hope

Genesis 26:24; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1

- Whether it's their own fault or whether it's no fault of their own, God continually reassures them that He is there and He is ready to bless.
- It tends to be after some sort of crisis or failure, even sin, that God offers this reaffirmation.
- Isaac as his child follows the sin of his father, lies about his wife, and yet God blesses him a hundredfold.
- What I'm not saying is that we just live however we want, and it's no big deal.
- There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- God is so great, and his promises are so great, and he is so faithful that even in the midst of our struggle and our weaknesses and our flaws, he can make his plans come to fruition.

5 They Also Matter to the World

- People who are not in Christ have all of that too. They just don't have any hope.
- Jesus is the answer. The answer is not better politics or school boards or a better job or medical treatments.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you in Christ? If you're not, we can baptize you into Jesus Christ this morning. You can begin this new life for Him.

MY NOTES