

Sermon Notes: My Place: Experiences

Things to consider this week:

“And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purposes.” Romans 8:27-28

“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.”
Philippians 1:12

“God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God never wastes a hurt-

- He wants you to be open to ministering to people who are going through what you've already been through

Summarize the Sermon in one sentence:

Write at least one way you can apply this sermon to your life:

Memory Verse of the week:

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

2 Corinthians 4:17

Getting Started

What is the best memory you have from your childhood?
Can you describe the events as well as the emotions you felt? What kinds of things does this prompt you to do for others?

What is one painful memory from your past? (Be careful- don't be too graphic or vindictive in the way you talk about this) How has God helped you deal with the pain? Do you think He could use you to help others in a similar circumstance?

What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Digging Deeper

Read the following passages and describe the experiences in Joseph's life.

Genesis 37:12-24

Genesis 39:7-20

Genesis 40:7-23

Read Genesis 50:20. What is Joseph's response to these actions in his life? How can we have the same reaction in our lives?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:24 then read 12:10. What is Paul's response to the trials in his life?

Read Romans 5:4 and James 1:2-4. What should we be looking to gain from the experiences that come into our lives?

How can we make this attitude a reality in our lives?

Read Galatians 3:4. Are you letting God use the experiences of your life to glorify Himself?

Evaluating your S.H.A.P.E. - Experiences

Build a Profile of the experiences God has put in your life:

Your Spiritual Experiences:

Meaningful decisions/times with God

Your Painful Experiences

Problems, hurts, trials that have taught you

Your Educational Experiences

Where did you excel? Where did you struggle? What excited you?

Your Ministry Experiences

How have you served in the past? What were your successes? Failures?