

Different Points of View

by Peter Leung, *Children, Welcome, Corp. Sec. Elder*

These two pictures are of the same flower, although taken a day apart. They remind me of how different things can be when I change my perspective.



In the Bible there is a famous story of two different perspectives. You probably recall the story, where Joseph was sold as a slave, packed off to Egypt and, through God's graciousness, rose to become a powerful government official.

Reading Genesis 50, I found it interesting to think how one's point of view results in very different perceptions of the same event. In the story, Jacob, Joseph's father, dies. So, because their father is no longer alive, Joseph's brothers are afraid that Joseph will avenge the wrong they had brought on Joseph when they sold Joseph as a slave and had him shipped off to a foreign land. So fearfully, that they ask Joseph for mercy; even offering themselves as slaves to Joseph. I think it's amazing, that Joseph sees the past decisions of his brothers, as God working through evil and bad behavior to do good by saving the entire family from starvation (v. 20). Two different reactions to a very difficult period in Joseph's life.

It's hard to see things from different points of view, especially when you're in the middle of difficult events. This story is a reminder that God knows our disappointments and that He wants us to know that He wants the best outcome for us. As a young man, Joseph was faced with a dismal outlook, but he came to know that God had a great plan for his life and to live with a gracious attitude towards those whom he could have kept a deep anger.

I've had ups and downs in my life. One of my disappointments was not getting a job interview that I thought would have been a perfect job situation and one for which I easily qualified. Even though I thought it would be a great employment opportunity, I know now that God had other plans for me—an even better job and career. *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose—* Romans 8:28, ESV.

God knows our disappointments, but from His point of view, He wants the best for us, including not just our jobs, but also the best for us in understanding His values and trusting that He is leading us with love.



Welcome to Journey

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Post-service fellowship, pc: Phil Y.



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Order of Service

March 24th, 2024

Call To Worship	Elder Ron	
Worship in Music	Congregation	
Worship in Word.....	Permission Granted!	Pastor Phil
Worship in Response	Congregation	
Benediction.....	Pastor Ted	

Ways to connect:

3/24: Thank you **Kenny and Lalaine** for sharing with us this morning!

3/27: Dating Couples Group (Tue, 7:30pm): email ted@journeyec.org for more info.

3/29: Good Friday (7:30pm): we have a special reading plus the Lord's Supper.

3/31: **Resurrection Sunday!** Invite friends & family to **Jacob's baptism** celebration.

5/5: Parents of Youth quarterly update meeting.

Silent auction: enter to own an original, hand painted original work on canvas by Wes. Inspired by Isaiah 52:7, the piece *Blossoms of the Journey* expresses the peace and beauty of sharing the Gospel. All auction proceeds will be directed to Orlando STM team expenses. For info, email roger@journeyec.org.

SERVE Donations: Pending inspection, we are suspending all donation collections.

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Sermon Outline

Pastor Phil • Mark 11:1-10 • The Triumphal Entry

Many people granted permission for Jesus to enter into and celebrate the coronation of His kingdom during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. What kind of permission would a new crowd one week later grant Jesus?

Give God a "permission granted" over our _____. Got humility?

Give God a "permission granted" over our _____. Got Scripture?

Give God a "permission granted" over our _____. Got joy?

Give God a "permission granted" over our _____ and _____.
Got actions?

By giving God a "permission granted" over our wills, minds, hearts and hands and feet, we reflect His triumphal entry into our lives!

Doodle Space:

Weekly challenge for reflection and application:

- Challenge yourself to memorize Matthew 6:33 and Mark 12:30 this week!
- What celebration have you experienced that honored someone?
- When did you first grant permission for Christ to enter my life?
- What were some life experiences that were difficult to grant God permission over my life's direction?
- How will I grant permission for God to break my will?
- How will I grant permission for God to fill my mind with Scripture and godly thoughts?
- How will I grant permission for God to encourage my heart to love joyfully and lift Him up in song?
- How will I grant permission for God to use my hands and feet to minister to others?