

# Sermon Notes

## The Redeeming Power of God

### August 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- **The Redeeming Power of God**
- We've been through some stuff lately!
  - Is **Romans 8:28** true or not? I believe it is. God is working for our good in this.
    - The good of Good Hope Church
    - The good of the individual who did these things.
    - For all of us who have been affected any whatever way.
  - Some have asked me “why did this happen?” Simple answer. **1 Peter 5:8**
    - The devil was trying to kill him and hurt us. But the Lord will redeem us both!!
  - Some examples:
    - Joseph in **Genesis 50:18-21**
      - Joseph redeemed, though some hard things happened.
      - But, his brothers redeemed too!
    - Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail. **Acts 16:5-34**
      - Paul and Silas and the other prisoners redeemed.
      - And the jailer and his family too!!!
    - Jesus was crucified, but he was raised to life. **Acts 2:31-41**
      - Jesus was raised to the right hand of The Father
      - And the ones who had him crucified were redeemed too!!!!
    - Many other examples, but not all are positive.
- The difference maker: put your faith in Jesus.
  - Faith in Jesus accesses the power of God in your life for:
    - 1) Forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God.
    - 2) Abundant life in Christ now.
      - Not necessarily getting what you want...
      - But, there is peace in the storm!
    - 3) Everlasting Life. You were not meant to live a selfish, empty life, and miss heaven.
      - Jesus redeems your soul for eternity when you put your faith in him.
  - But, isn't God a God of justice??
    - Yes, justice through forgiveness.
      - That forgiveness is accessed by faith in Jesus. Trusting in the love of God to redeem you.
      - If you refuse the Lord's forgiveness, then we get justice the old-fashioned way.
        - It's up to you.
    - Next week: **Romans 12:21**, Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
  - So, let's pray. I've got a bit of a list!!
    - 1) For a quick return to our facility...and maybe an improvement??
    - 2) For the one who did the damage, to receive all of the blessing of God's redemption.
    - 3) For the Lord to be glorified in all of this.
    - 4) And for you, if you need to be redeemed, to put your faith in Jesus for forgiveness, new life, and everlasting life.
  - Get personal prayer by emailing [prayer@goodhope.ag](mailto:prayer@goodhope.ag).