

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Joseph’s Critical Journey.” Our sermon today is called “**Joseph...clay in the hands of the Lord.**” Our sermon text is Genesis 37:1-11. **Note” the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org**

Sermon Outline

1. **Being used by God is part of the molding process along our journey of faith.** You may recall the words of Peter when the Lord called him to follow him and Peter fell to his knees and said, “*go away from me Lord for I am a sinful man. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.* Luke 5:10-11. How are you being used by the Lord along your journey? What were the circumstances when you first realized you could be used by the Lord?

2. **When I hurt on the inside I often take it out on others giving an opportunity for the devil to work.** Ref. Ephesians 6:10-18. Why is it necessary to put on the full armor of God? Why is forgiveness so powerful in our faith journey? Is there someone I need to ask to forgive me?

3. *Matthew 6:14-15 which is part of the Lord’s prayer, “14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”* What is the Lord saying to us if we don’t forgive?

4. **God has a plan for our life even if we are not aware of it.** Take some time to think about the Lord’s plan for your life this week. Why is seeking the Lord for our life’s plan so important?

5. **God may reveal part of His plan for my life even when I am still immature in my journey of faith?** Why does God do that?

6. *Hebrews 9:22 says that “without the shedding of Blood, there is no forgiveness.” “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” (1 Peter 3:18a) “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)* What are these verses saying to you?

7. Sermon Mediation – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?
