

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our theme today **“The Hand of God is Upon our Lives.”** Our text is Genesis 41:1-57 as we continue our series **“Joseph’s Critical Journey.”** **Note** **the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org**

Order of Worship

1. Sermon Outline

1. **In the midst of all that takes place in our life and in the world God is sovereign.** The sovereignty of God is the biblical teaching that all things are under God’s rule and control, and nothing happens without His direction and permission. *Psalm 135:6 says, “The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.* How does knowing that all things are under God’s rule and control change the way we think about the world we live in?

2. **God’s sovereignty gives me hope...I have to trust the Lord when I don’t understand what is going on in my life or the world.** Where is the Lord leading you today to put trust in Him?

3. **When you begin to understand how God works it begins to change how we think and act in the present. You see the hope we have in Jesus changes everything.** *Psalm 39:7* And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? *My only hope is in you. Psalm 42:11* Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? *I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God! Psalm 25:4-5* Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. ⁵ *Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.* Where is the Lord challenging you to step out in the area of hope...in changing the way you act in the present because of what Jesus has done?

4. **Character is what goes on inside that comes to the surface on the outside and the Lord works on us our entire lives to refine our character to be more like Christ.** *1 Samuel 16:7* says, “The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” How has growing in godly character changed you personally?

5. **It was God’s sovereign will that He sent His son to this earth...God had a plan. It was the character of Jesus that carried out God’s plan knowing what He would have to suffer to save mankind. To save you...God’s sovereign will.** What is the Lord saying to you through the above statement...how does that make you rethink things?

6. 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?
