

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

ONE THING LEADS: WEEK 6

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

When you think of God's will, do you typically think more of a flashlight or a floodlight? Why? Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced His will in either of these ways? What was that like?

Read Genesis 42:1-8. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes for a minute. If you were being honest, how would you have responded in this situation? Would you have sought justice (or revenge)? Would you have told them who you were? Why do you think Joseph did what he did?

In Genesis 43:26, Joseph's brothers all bow down to him, fulfilling his initial dream (Gen. 37). What had Joseph's life been like between the reception of the dream and its fulfillment? Do you think he could have possibly imagined all the twists and turns along the way? How is your story similar/different to Joseph's? In what ways has God's will surprised you?

Read Hebrews 12:15. How does the writer of Hebrews describe bitterness in this verse? In what ways is bitterness corrosive and destructive? What kind of impact does it have on an individual? How can that impact spread to the people around them?

Kyle mentioned three unhealthy ways we can respond to hurt: Repress it, Rehearse it, or Retaliate. Which of these is the most tempting to you? Why do you think you struggle with this one the most? What kind of damage has this sort of bitterness caused in your life?

Read Genesis 45:1-7. Joseph eventually released his hurt. Why was he able to do this? How did his view of God's sovereignty help him deal with his bitterness? How does our own experience of God's deliverance in Christ help us release others from the debts they owe us?