Scripture: Ps. 37

Singing: 252:1-4 – 388:1-5 – 211:1-3 – 439:1, 4

Rejoicing & Trusting in God's Governing Care over You

I. Your life-story is written by God

A. We are characters in God's story to glorify Himself: Rom. 9:21-23

II. He shapes you through His gov care to be what He intends you to be!

A. Case study: Moses (Acts 7:20-25; Rom. 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 10:13)

B. What about your wrong choices in the failings in sin?

III. How you are to respond to God's governing care over your life

A. Humility: Is. 40:13-14; Rom. 11:33-36

B. Reverence: Ps. 33:8; 46:10

C. Repentance: Ps. 37:1, 8; Lamentations 3:26-40

D. Trust: Matt. 10:29-31; Matt. 6:19-34

E. Meditation: 1 Sam. 17:37; Matt. 16:9; Heb. 12:4-12; Ps. 77:10-12

Close: The inspiring case of Paul the twice-over prisoner

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. (Acts 16:25)

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phil. :6-7)



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1. How do you react if you miss out something special like a fun birthday party?
- 2. Think of someone in your church family who is going through a difficult time. Write down 2 or 3 things to pray for them. (Make sure to do it also!)
- 3. Look up Matthew 8:23-24. How could Jesus sleep in such a storm?

WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

- 4. What is God's great purpose in everything He does or allows in your life?
- 5. How did God prepare Moses for his work as leader of the Israelites?
- 6. Mark T (true) or F (false):
 - __ Nothing in your life just happens.
 - ___ God can use your failings for good.
 - ___ God's children will still have difficulties in this life.
 - ____ When God changes our plans, His plans are always better.
- 7. How should we respond when things happen to us we don't understand?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- 8. How will you use what you learned about God's governing care this week?
- 9. What will you tell your friend if he says, "Since God's governs all things, I don't really have to be careful. He will protect me."