

When Life Happens!

Text: Genesis 45:1-15

Main Idea: As life unfolds we must be prepared to control our emotions, accept God's providential plan & be ready to forgive so that God is glorified!

1. **Be emotional** but hold them in _____ for the glory of God & the good of others! (v. 1-4)
 - **Do** allow yourself to be _____: weep, rejoice, be angered by sin & injustice. (Ps 42:3, Rom 12:15)
 - **Don't** allow your emotions to cause you to _____ against others! (Prov 25:28, Eph 4:26-27)
2. **Accept providence** in both the _____ & the _____ things that happen in your life. (v. 5-9)
 - God uses _____ things to fulfill His purposes & even uses evil for His glory & our good. (Prov 16:4, Gen 50:20)
 - Nevertheless, God never does evil, and is never to be _____ for it. (James 1:13-14)
 - God rightfully blames and judges moral _____ for the evil they do. (Is 66:3-4)

Application:

- **When afflictions & chaos arise:** We should be able to _____ confidently & endure without excessive complaint or _____. (Ps 4:8, Matt 6:31, 10:29-31)
 - **When blessings & successes appear:** We should be able to experience grateful encouragement without excessive _____. (Ps 103:2, 1 Thess 5:18)
3. **Genuinely forgive** those who have wronged you preventing grudges & bitterness from making you _____ in your witness, worship & contribution to the Kingdom. (v. 10-15)