

Message Discussion Guide Week of November 12, 2023

Message: Children's Sabbath Message: God is a Way-Maker

Key Scriptures: Psalm 40:1-3; Galatians 6:9; John 3:16

Preacher: Dutilh Children's Ministry

Message Highlights:

We are often in situations in which we feel "stuck." We can learn from God's character, and what he has shown us time and time again, that He will make a way for us.

The service focused on 3 ways that God makes a way for us:

- 1. When we are stuck in a situation, God makes a way through. In the days of Moses, the Israelites were stuck in a situation of slavery, and God made a way through for them.
- 2. God gives us courage to remain faithful and do what is right even when the world pressures us to live differently. When Daniel was commanded not to pray to God, he had the courage to remain faithful in prayer. And when he was thrown into the lion's den as punishment, God protected him.
- 3. Though we are dead in our transgressions, God makes a way for us to be saved from our sin. John 3:16 reminds us that God's love for us is so strong that he would spare no expense, evening sacrificing his only Son to provide a way for our salvation.

Discussion Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever felt stuck in a situation, and you don't see a way out? How does God's faithfulness in the past encourage you? Do you see a pattern of faithfulness in your personal past, as well as the Biblical past?
- 2.) Have you ever been in a situation where you had to make a decision to please God rather than doing what was popular? What were the consequences of that decision? What was the ultimate outcome?
- 3.) Read Galatians 6:9: What does it mean that we will reap in due time if we don't give up?

- 4.) Read this quote by JoLynne Whitaker: "The God you serve is a way-maker. He'll make a way to get it done, fix it, shift it, turn it. Even when there doesn't seem to be a way. Get into agreement with God today that you're going to serve Him, maintain faith in Him, and wait on Him. Because His blessings are always worth the wait and always right on time."
 - a. What does the quote mean to you?
 - b. How can we be encouraged while we wait for God to make a way?
 - c. What is our responsibility in helping God make a way through out situation?
- 5.) What is your primary takeaway from this message?

<u>Abundant Life Tip:</u> God is faithful to every promise God has made. Even when we can see it. Even when it seems impossible. God can make a way when it seems there is no way.