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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond.

For those of us who have been going through the Book of Genesis, we learned that many of the issues we deal with today are issues previous generations dealt with. Let's look at cruelty and jealousy. Jacob (the son of Isaac and Rebekah, the grandson of Abraham and Sarah) had 12 sons. Jacob had a favorite son Joseph who had many dreams growing up. Joseph's brothers resented him. Jacob, to show his love for Joseph, made him a coat of many colors. Yeah, we understand that it is painful when a parent favors just one kid and openly shows it. The resentment was so bad that it turned to cruelty.

Jacob one day sent Joseph to check on his brothers in the field where they kept their flock. In those days you could not leave your animals unattended because thieves would steal your flock. Remember the Christmas story when the Angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds in the fields, watching over their flock; it was the order of the day, watching the flock. Also, shepherds moved around a lot to different pastures where they could find grazing space for their animals.

Joseph, sent by his father, went to check on his brothers. When the brothers saw him from a distance, they plotted to harm him because they hated him that much. The brothers eventually sold Joseph to the Midianites and the Midianites in turn sold him to Potiphar in Egypt. When Joseph's brothers returned home, they told a lie to their father and said that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. Hate that strong? Hate enough to sell your brother and break your father's heart? Sons of the same man acting cruel towards their own blood brother.

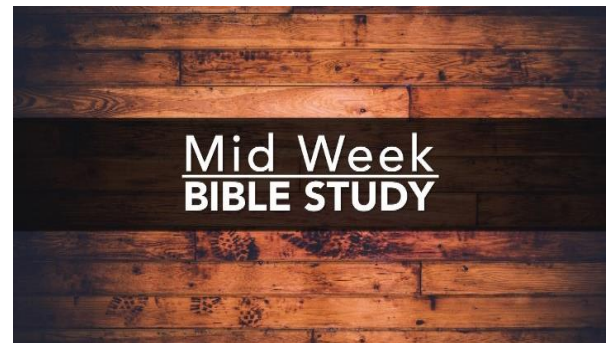
The cruelty we see today is not new. There are people who enjoy inflicting pain on others. You see all these killings of innocent people because someone hates their own life and so they want to inflict pain on others. You see people rejoicing when other humans are suffering. And then when the suffering gets to them then they want the whole world to stop.

This coming Sunday (09.20.2026) we will be hearing the story about Joseph and his brothers. All of Joseph's family of origin moved to Egypt and they had a good life there. Their father Jacob died and the 10 brothers who had sold Joseph into slavery were worried and afraid that Joseph might finally retaliate after their father's death. They come to Joseph and plead for mercy. Now they don't want to pay for their consequences, they are looking for mercy from a brother they treated with cruelty.

I pray that the Lord softens our hearts and teach us to welcome others and to love those who are different from us and all those that God has put in our paths.

We have come this far by faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH. THE BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ONLINE AT 7:00 P.M. We will be going through Genesis 45 & 46.

**CELEBRATING THE SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAY SAINTS:**



09/17 Melanie Floyd
09/20 Rick Beruf
09/23 JB Quinn
09/25 Jimmy Sykes
09/25 Melissa Farr
09/26 Diane Quinn

Please let us know if we missed your birthday.



REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Thulie Beresford, Hal Coste (Helena's cousin), Julie Rittle, Danny and his family, Charles Ritcher's family (former longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church), Bobby Bellah, Mrs. Dukes, Andrea Brisbin, Trish Bradley's family at the passing of her father Carl Simmons, Roy Kimbrell, Stephen Bellah, Nettie Poulnot's family and loved ones, Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken Herns, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.

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SERVING – Sunday, September 20, 2026
Lector & Prayer Leader Rick Beruf
Acolyte Maggie Gainey
Ushers Jimmy Sykes & Jim Jones
Communion Assistant Anthony Gaines
Communion Prep Karen Sykes

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SOURCES...

“COMPANY POLICIES.

SICK DAYS...We no longer accept a doctor's note as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

PERSONAL DAYS...Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturday and Sunday.

VACATION DAYS...All employees will take their vacation at the same time every year. Vacation days are as follows: January 1, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and December 25.

THANK YOU MANAGEMENT”

“Perfect people don't drink, don't fight, don't lie, don't make mistakes anddon't exist.”

“Don't grow up, it's a trap.”

“Prayers needed. Nothing wrong, I just wanna hit the lotto and quit my job.”

“I'm not completely useless, I can be used as a bad example.”

“I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know....”

“Lucky for me. I don't have enough friends for an intervention.”

“All my life I thought air was free...until I bought a bag of chips.”

“I hate to cancel. I know we made plans to get together tonight, but that was two hours ago. I was younger then, full of hope. But now I am tired.”

“I'm trying to eliminate negativity from my life. Therefore, Mondays are now ‘Taco Tuesday Eve’ until further notice.”

“I exercised once but found out I was allergic to it! My skin flushed and my heart raced. I got sweaty and short of breath. Very dangerous.”

“Women might not be able to find their keys, hair ties, or shoes...but they can remember something you said eight months ago.”

“Nobody told me that when you get a husband the ears are sold separately.”

“My boss said to me, ‘Can you come in on Saturday this week? I know you like your weekends but I need you here.’ I said, Yeah but I might be late though, as public transport is bad on weekends.’ He said, ‘That's cool. When do you think you'll get here then?’ I said, ‘MONDAY.’”



We have come this far by faith and we cannot give up now. Praying that we all keep faith alive. Hold on to the source of life, love, compassion and comfort. Brighter days are around the corner when God gives us the strength to face whatever challenges are ahead of us.

Peace, Pastor Thulie