



Midweek Meditation



*"He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions."
Psalm 105:21*

*God humbles His own in order to exalt them; He kills them in order to bring them back to life; He puts them to shame in order to glorify them; He casts them down in order to raise them up. But doing this is art and knowledge at their best, a fact which is usually not learned and understood without great labor and then only by very few. Yet it is true and certain, as the example (of Joseph) testifies; for what is said in Psalm 105:21 is true: God made Joseph lord of Egypt and master and savior of many people. How? By selling him, casting him off, and killing him. These are works of God which cannot be understood until they have been completed and finished. Meanwhile, however, during their performance, they cannot be understood except by faith. **Martin Luther***

Faith is not easy because God quite often leads us in the direction we would never choose for ourself. The story of Joseph in Genesis teaches this to us. Faith is not understanding; it is accepting. Only after Joseph was humbled and then exalted, did he understand why God had led him in the way He did. We may not understand why God leads us through one trial after another until we are in heaven; but we trust Him nonetheless, not because our path through life makes sense to us, but because He Himself took the path to the cross for us.

The will of God is always best and shall be done forever; and they who trust in Him are blest; He will forsake them never. He helps indeed in time of need; He chastens with forbearing. They who depend on God, their friend, shall not be left despairing. Amen.