

Jesus Reigns over Everything

Part 4 – Restoration

2 Kings 8.1-6

Context: Chapter 4 – God had already worked powerfully in the woman's life

- Birth of son – raised son from the dead

Now: displacement due to natural disaster

- Loss accompanied – place, order, house, rhythm, connection, security, livelihood, land
- Grief naturally followed (appealed – root is *SHRIEK*)
- Nothing wrong with any of this – perfectly normal

There's a Story to Tell

- Gehazi told the king – not making up anything, not adding anything, just reporting the story as it happened (it's always enough)
- Remembering what God has done is great fuel for trusting Him in the present and future
- Telling stories of His power brings others into the reality of who He is
 - First step to faith is revelation – not argument

There is no Coincidence

- God puts you in places (Wedgewood)
- God puts people in your life (realtor, temp housing, etc.)
- What if your circumstance isn't mine? God can still be glorified in your situation and can still move in your circumstance, you just have to look for it – see past your circumstances

There is a Plan: Restoration

- Restoration of Houses
- Restoration of Lives
- Restoration of Connection
- Restoration of Rhythm

How do we trust God to do this? If He restored the son, he can restore the house

- Romans 8.32 – if God gave Jesus, He will give everything else

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the one story from the past 6 weeks you should be telling?
2. What are stories from your past that have fueled your trust in God in the present and in the future?
3. What is one unexpected way you have seen God work through this Harvey-related experience? What was the outcome?
4. Carrie talked about how God puts us in a place and puts people in our lives for a reason. Who/What are these things for you (understanding that there are no coincidences)? How have you seen chalking something up to “coincidence” steal glory from God?
5. Read Romans 8.31-32. Paul argues from the greater to the lesser: if God has given us Jesus, He will surely give whatever else we need too. How does this promote security? How does this promote faith? How should you respond in light of this passage?