

## New Song News

**Jeremiah 10:5–8, 10 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup>Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.” <sup>6</sup>There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. <sup>7</sup>Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you. <sup>8</sup>They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction of idols is but wood!... <sup>10</sup>But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

**John 6:60, 66–69 (ESV)** <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ... <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

### Today

- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift

### This Week

**Learning Communities resume** this week.

- ✓ Wednesday, 9:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, 7:00pm, Learning Community, in person or via Zoom
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 1:00pm, Learning Community, in person or via Zoom
- ✓ Saturday, 7am, Men's Fire Ring gathering. See Dave Sabo for more info
- ✓ Saturday, 8-9:30am, "God and Guys" Men's Monthly Study
- ✓ Saturday, 10-4, Bethel Park Community Day, Rotary Booth Outreach
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, Learning Community

### Looking Ahead

- ✓ Sept. 30, 9:30am-2:30pm, WPA Ignite Pastors Gathering at New Song
- ✓ Oct. 4, 9-7, Rotary Spaghetti Dinner Outreach. Sign-up sheet in entryway
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text [newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com)
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
9/7/2025 \$ 4,620.00	\$ 4,006.23	9/7/2025 \$ 10.00	9/7/2025 \$ 0.00	9/7/2025 \$ 10.00
To Date \$ 149,820.79	\$144,244.31	Balance: \$ 3,269.97	Month Total \$ 0.00	To Date \$ 2005.00
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## New Song Notes

Pastor Herb Shaffer

### The Circuitous Route to God's Best

Sept. 14, 2025 The Life and Lessons of Joseph, part 12

**Matthew 6:31–33** <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **Matthew 6:31–33 (ESV)**

### Partnering with God for others' highest good (cont.)

#### 1. Testing and Training.

Tension and Pressure are always part of testing and training

#### Genesis 42 (ESV) (pew Bible page 34)

- ➔ Famine
- ➔ 10 brothers go to Egypt, appear before concealed Joseph
- ➔ Joseph accuses brothers of being spies, imprisons, keeps Simeon
- ➔ Brothers tell truth, admit wrongdoing, recognize sin against God
- ➔ Joseph sends them home, can only return with Benjamin
- ➔ Brothers recognize God's hand thru money back in sacks
- ➔ Brothers report to Jacob, states “never Ben”, Reuben offers 2 sons

#### Genesis 43 (ESV)

- ➔ Joseph waits in trust and obedience
- ➔ Brothers wait in angst - stay home until starving as Jacob resists
- ➔ Brothers return to Egypt with Ben, are honest about money
- ➔ Joseph takes home, steward credits God, lines them up, feasts

✓ signal - the brothers are dealing with God, **vs. 26-34**

✓ danger - fear blinds and makes them lose their minds

#### Genesis 44 (ESV)

- ➔ Big, final test, **vs. 1-13**

✓ Joseph sends home with money planted in bags; cup in Ben's

✓ decrees Ben to be slave & others sent to face father

➔ Brothers pass the test, vs. 14-34

✓ admit guilt of sin *TO GOD* and take responsibility

✓ show sacrificial concern for father instead of saving selves



## 2. Reconciliation and Reward.

➔ Character is revealed through the tension and pressure of testing

➔ Humility is THE key to most facets of Christian life

➔ The brothers' transformation – HUMILITY

Accepted responsibility, Acted honestly, Expressed sacrificial concern for others, Empathized with father's pain, Cooperated with God thru Joseph

➔ Reconciliation and reward ONLY because of repentance.

➔ Joseph reveals himself, points to God,  
**Genesis 45:1-15 (ESV)**



## 3. Leaving a Legacy for God's Next Chapter.

**Genesis 45:16-28 (ESV)**

➔ Pharaoh & servants are happy for Joseph, supply abundantly

➔ Brothers report to Jacob – shocked and strangely resigned

➔ Joseph moves them to Goshen, protects and provides

† God's people preserved

† God's people planted – would grow to be a nation in Egypt

† God's people prepared – would cry out to God in Egypt

† God's next phase: 400 years later in Exodus

Note: another 1850 years before Jesus arrives



*What do we do with this?*

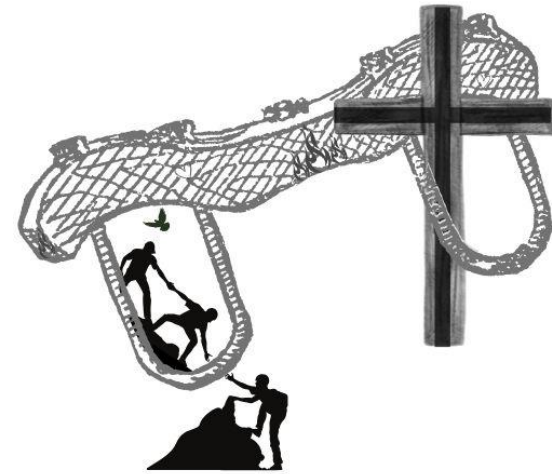
☒ What stuck out to you?

☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?

☒ What do you need to do in response?



*New Song* Community Church



2025

**Walking in step with Jesus  
with His Presence, Love and Power**

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)**