

**Sermon Review**  
**September 5, 2021**  
**“When Life Unfolds”**  
*Scripture: Genesis 45:4-8*

Safety and security provides each of us a level of comfort. We put our arms around all of what is important to us, in our effort to protect our loves ones and even ourselves. But life being the adventure that it is, we sometimes even in our best efforts are exposed to life and its cruel, evil and harsh experiences. Jacob the father of Joseph loved his family and certainly wanted his family to be safe and secure. However the unfolding experiences of life and Joseph’s seemingly arrogance brought the unfolding misfortunes of life right to his doorstep. Joseph’s brothers did not like him at all and sold him into slavery. Even in his efforts to be a good slave, life unfolded its harshness and falsely accused him of rape and then to make matters worse as a prisoner he was forgotten about by a friend. Life’s unfolding in Joseph time could have left him completely depressed and delusional. It could have left him fearful and faithless. The only thing that kept him going was indeed his faith in God and God’s mercy and grace. When life unfolds itself and each of us are faced with circumstances that are in essence trying to kill us, we must keep our faith in God believing in his providential plan and purpose for our lives. Life’s unfolding never stop while living and every unfolding of circumstances is an opportunity for a strengthened relationship with God. If anything it is these types of unfolding circumstance we need to unfold our hearts, minds and souls and let God in to give the safety and security we all want and need.

Be Blessed.

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