



#13 “The Big Reveal”
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Sermon Notes

For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. Mark 4:22 NKJV

The Big Reveal is WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT OVERTURNS OUR CERTAINTY & SHOWS US WHAT WE MISSED

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began... ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

I. Acts 7:1-8 - Abraham - God is the Pursuer the Revealer / God does the heavy lifting

^{7:1} Then the high priest asked him, “Are these charges true?” ² To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. ³ ‘Leave your country and your people,’ God said, ‘and go to the land I will show you.’

The Holy Spirit Challenges OUR PERCEPTION OF CONTROL & COMFORT

And Reveals HIS POWER AT WORK IN TRANSITION

It was by faith Abraham obeyed God’s call to go to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, not knowing where he was to go. ⁹ It was by faith that he lived like a foreigner in the country God promised to give him. He lived in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who had received that same promise from God. Hebrews 11:8-9 NCV

II. Acts 7:9-16 - Joseph - Redemption of evil deeds

⁹ “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

The Holy Spirit Challenges OUR PERCEPTION OF SUFFERING

And Reveals REDEMPTION OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Hebrews 12:7-8

III. Acts 7:17-36 - Moses - God sees Moses differently than Moses sees himself

³⁵ “This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, ‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.

The Holy Spirit Challenges OUR SELF PERCEPTION

And Reveals THE CALL OF OUR LIFE

²⁴ *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*
²⁵ *Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:24-26*

IV. Acts 7:37-7:53 - Moses II - Challenging our preconceived religious ideas, not putting God in a box

...⁴⁴ “Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the desert. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁸ “However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men...’ ⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the

coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him — ⁵³ you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”

The Holy Spirit Challenges OUR PERCEPTION OF GOD

And Reveals THE REALITY OF HIMSELF

At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Matthew 11:25 NLT