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WINTER SERIES:

# MY LIFE IS IN HIS HAND

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**Winter Series "My Life Is In Your Hand "**

"In His hand is the life of every living creature. And breath of all mankind. " Job 12:10

**Session I: "It All Started With God"**

"For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him." Colossians 1:16

**I. Introduction**

God is not only the Creator of the world, but He is also the Sustainer.

"Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing was made." John 1:3 NIV

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word." Hebrews 1:3a NIV

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17 NIV

- In God, everything is held together, protected and prevented from disintegrating into chaos. Because God is the Sustainer of life, none of us is independent from Him.  
"For in Him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28a NIV
- We are all His servants who must daily trust Him for protecting us, caring for us and sustaining us.
- God continues to be involved in the world.
- God's sovereignty concerns His absolute rule and control over all of His creation. God rules absolutely over the affairs of us. He sits on the throne of the universe as LORD. Everything that happens comes about because He either directly causes it or consciously allows it. Nothing enters into history or could ever exist outside of history that does not come under the complete control of God.
- The sovereignty of God means that He exercises His prerogative to do whatever He pleases with His creation.
- God can do whatever He wants to do simply because it's all His.  
"The earth is the Lord's and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." Psalm 24:1

**II. Scripture of the Series**

"In His hand is the life of every living creature. And the breath of all mankind." Job 12:10 NIV

- This verse is a reply from Job to Zophar (one of the three friends who came to visit Job during his tests and trials)
- Chapter 12 of Job opens with a sarcastic comment on the supposed wisdom of the three friends (Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar). They were merely repeating general truths that everybody knows (Job 12:1-3).
- They do not have the troubles Job has and they make no attempt to understand how Job feels. A good person suffers while wicked people live in peace and security (Job 12:4-6).
- Job does not argue with the fact that all life is in God's hands.

### III. "Your Life Got Started With God"

- Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no accident. Your parents may not have planned for you, but God did. God also planned where you would be born and where you would live for His purpose.
- Most amazingly, God decided how you would be born.
- Regardless of the circumstances of your birth or who your parents are, God had a plan of creating you. God knew that those two individuals possessed exactly the right genetic makeup to create the "you" He had in mind.
- God never does anything accidentally, and He never makes mistakes.
- God has a reason for everything He creates.
- The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment.
- If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God.
  
- "It is in Christ that we find out who we are living for: Long before we first heard of Christ, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone." Ephesians 1:11 MSG
  
- You were born by His purpose and for His purpose.
- You exist only because God wills that you exist.
- You were made by God and for God-and until you understand that, life will never make sense.
- The reality is that we often don't understand God's plans, but we can continue to believe that the plans He has for our lives are good.
- There is a process going on in every believer's life.
- The apostle Paul said, "For I am confident that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6
- Once God begins a work in you, He will not stop until that work reaches completion.
- God will accomplish the purpose He has ordained for your life. He may go through you, around you, over you, by you or in spite of you.

#### **REMEMBER!!!**

- God's hand is always moving, meaning He is always at work in our lives. God is really in control of our lives.
- We may make plans, but it is God who determines our steps.

A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directs his steps." Proverbs 16:9

NEXT MONTH

January 8, 2022: "Put It All In His Hands"

