

# BECAUSE HE IS *Sovereign*

Welcome to Week 3 of Lent. In the Lord's Prayer, we are reminded of God's sovereignty! As we learn about this aspect of who God is, let's be encouraged by his faithfulness and love through every season.

## YOUR WILL BE DONE

According to Oxford dictionary, 'sovereign' means "possessing supreme or ultimate power." Associating God as sovereign and therefore in control of our lives can sound terrifying, yet as we have learned, God is also a holy, sinless Father, who planned our lives in His perfect love and wisdom. Let's look further at what it means for our Father to be in control.

### Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

## He plans our life with His *purpose.*

### Romans 8:28 (ESV)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

- God purposefully orchestrates our circumstances because He loves us and knows what is best for us.
- He may expose weaknesses in us so that we will depend on him, yearn for greater intimacy, and be transformed to be more like Him.

## BECAUSE HE IS *sovereign*

He plans our life:

- with His *purpose*
- for His *glory*
- in His *goodness*



## He plans our life for His *glory.*

### 1 Timothy 1:16 (ESV)

"But I [Apostle Paul] received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

- God in His sovereignty shows mercy on us through His most beloved Son, so that we may be reconciled to Him!
- We can then glorify Him by praising Him through any season, knowing that He is patient and merciful and nothing can separate us from His love.

## He plans our life in His *goodness.*

### Mark 10:18 (ESV)

"No one is good - except God alone."

### Proverbs 20:24 (ESV)

"A man's steps are from the Lord; how then can man understand his way?"

- Because our Heavenly Father, who alone is good and the source of all wisdom, is in control, He desires us to surrender our own attempts of control, trust in Him and rest in His peace.

## Reflection Questions



- Reflect on a time when it was difficult for you to surrender to God yet you obeyed. What happened?
- Reflect on some things that are difficult for you to surrender in this season. What do you think God is trying to reveal to you through this time?

## Let's Pray!

Believing that God is sovereign and in control requires humility and submission. Therefore, it is important to spend time in prayer asking God to help us to die to our self thoughts and ways. Through prayer, our view on God is magnified beyond our understanding and imaginations.

## Prayer Topics

- Pray for yourself, for people and churches in Hong Kong to surrender and trust in God's sovereignty and control.
  - Biblical brotherhood and sisterhood in HKU campus through discipleship.
  - Togetherness with the church and more members making commitments to serve the church.
  - Support for people in our campus and actively reaching out to share the Gospel and invite them to our community.



## What can I do next?

1. Lift up an ABIDE prayer for an area of your life you find hard to surrender to God in this season.
  - Name:
  - By when:
2. Reach out to a friend/co-worker and share how God has been sovereign over your life and encourage him/her.

## RESOURCES



**Song:**  
***You Hold It All Together***



**Article:**  
***God is More Than Sovereign***



**Song:**  
***In Control***