

Sermon Title: Faithful in Wrath, Faithful in Rescue

Sermon Text: Isaiah 25

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1. What is the best party or celebration you've ever been to? What was the occasion?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In Isaiah 25:1–5, Isaiah praises God for acting against bullies who misused their power and refused to listen to the people they were hurting. Can you think of a time when God removed a bully from power in your life? What did that moment feel like and how did you respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In the ancient world, when kings defeated an enemy, they would hold banquets to celebrate their triumph and share the joy of victory with the people in their court. Read Isaiah 25:6 and discuss what makes God's banquet unique. (Who is invited to the party? What is special about wine or marrow?)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. We usually think about life and death in physical terms — whether our body is alive or not. But in the Bible, life and death are about our experience of God's Spirit and His abundant life. Read Genesis 2:17; John 17:3; James 1:14–15; Romans 8:6 & 11.
  - a. According to these verses, what does it mean to be alive? What does it mean to be dead?

b. Where have you experienced “death” in your story? Where have you experienced “life”?

c. Read Isaiah 25:7–8. What do you think it means that “God will swallow up death”?

5. Read Isaiah 25:9. Have you ever thrown a party to celebrate something God has done in your life? If not, what might that party look like?

6. In Isaiah 25:10–12, we learn that it takes humility to enter God’s banquet. What does it look like to really wait on God to bring justice? Have you found yourself trying other things in the meantime?

### **Prayer Activity**

At the end of the sermon, we prayed for our enemies. Tonight, take time to pray for the people connected to those places of death in your life. You don’t have to name them out loud — you can keep it anonymous — but go around the circle and lift them up to God. Then take time to celebrate that God has invited us to His victory party — and we have joy because he is making all things new.