



God's Faithfulness *amidst* Man's Failure

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Welcome

We are so glad you have joined us to worship God this morning! Our church is inspired and motivated by the generous grace our Heavenly Father displayed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In response to His goodness, we strive to live out compassionate love for those around us as we live and speak the good news about Jesus. We hope you leave encouraged and inspired to respond to God's invitation for relationship and His call to go and make disciples of Jesus who will then make more and more disciples of Jesus.

INTRODUCTION TO OUR SERMON SERIES

"There is no way God is pleased with my life." "I am so inconsistent with my faithfulness to God; I'm sure He gave up on me a long time ago."

Maybe you have had these thoughts in the past. Maybe you have them right now. If God's faithfulness to us is dependent on our faithfulness to Him, then maybe these thoughts would have some merit. But what if God is compelled not by the quality of our faithfulness but by the quality of *His* faithfulness?

As we work through the second half of Genesis together, we will encounter God's followers consistently failing to be faithful to God. But amidst the failures of man, we will also encounter the continual faithfulness of God as He demonstrates steadfast love and faithfulness to the very end.

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WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS AT 10AM

PRELUDE

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-4

WORSHIP IN SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lord I Need You

Living Hope

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL PROJECT KEY PASSAGE SONG

First Place In Everything (Colossians 1:18)

GOSPEL PROJECT KIDS' BIBLE LESSON VIDEO

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON

BENEDICTION

Connection Cards

Are you new to Grace? Do you have a prayer request? We invite you to fill out a Connection Card found at the Welcome Center or online.

Tithe Online

To give electronically, you can visit the "Give" page of our website -or- download the "Give Plus" app found in your phone's app store.

Weekly Email

If you would like to receive a weekly email that include reminders and updates, please visit our website, and subscribe under the "Helpful Links" section.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Wednesday, March 3

CM Team Training2:00pm

Sunday, March 7

Worship Service 10:00am

Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio 12:00pm

Contact: Pastores Ricardo y Berna Ramos, (815) 355-7482

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updating the Online Church Directory

Are you newer to Grace Church? Has your family added a new member since last year? Have you moved or changed any contact information? If you can answer "Yes!" to any of those questions, then we invite you to fill out a directory card (found at the Welcome Center) and/or attend a photo session after today's worship service or on Sunday, March 14.

Requesting Children's Church Activity Bags

Each week a faithful group of volunteers prepare activity bags for our young children and students that correlates with the Gospel Project lesson for the week. To request that an activity bag be prepared for your child(ren) each week, please fill out the request form found near the table in the foyer.

Taste of Grace

If you are new to Grace Church or perhaps you are considering membership, we invite you to attend Taste of Grace after the worship service on Sunday, March 21 at 11:30am. Come, meet new people, and learn more about the vision and mission of Grace Church. To sign up for this class, please visit the Welcome Center. A pizza lunch will be provided. (For those interested in pursuing church membership, this class along with the Discover Grace class that will be offered in April are required.)

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

CONTENT

1. How does the theme of land throughout Genesis connect with the creation account?
2. What is significant about Jacob leaving the land of Canaan in this chapter?
3. What is the connection that Paul makes with Abraham in Galatians 3:16?
4. What is the significance about Jacob's dream and how does it connect to the theme of Land?
5. What connection does Jacob's dream have with us today? In other words, why is this dream still significant?
6. What does it mean for Jesus to be referred to as the Great Bridge Builder?

CONTEMPLATE

What are the implications for your life given the fact that we have not yet fully arrived in The Land? How should that impact the way you think, act, and live? And yet, in some ways, believers have already arrived. Because of Jesus, we have increased access to God, freedom from the bondage of sin, and a future hope that is glorious. How should those truths impact the way you think, act, and live right now?

CONNECT

In some regard, believers are sojourners or aliens living in a foreign land, awaiting the day that Christ will bring us home. As you consider what it means to be a foreigner, how should that impact our relationships with one another? In what ways do we need to support, encourage, and care for one another? Be specific.

Furthermore, God moves us into special relationships with specific people. Consider who might need extra support, encouragement, and care from you within the Grace Church community. We are all sojourners in a foreign land. We need each other.

COMMUNITY

If Jesus is the Great Bridge Builder, what does that mean for us? God does the construction and the building, but he has given us a mission as well. A big part of that mission is to spread the good news of the gospel. In other words, we need to invite people to cross the bridge, and as we seek to share the Good News with others, we need to remember that the focus need not be on us—Jesus is the Bridge Builder, but he is also the Bridge. Our job is to point, share, and implore. Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear such a message?