



# God's Faithfulness *amidst* Man's Failure

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, March 7, 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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 40:25-26*

WORSHIP IN SONG

*Great Are You, Lord*

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL PROJECT KEY PASSAGE SONG

*Rejoice, Be Glad (1 Chronicles 16:31)*

GOSPEL PROJECT KIDS' BIBLE LESSON VIDEO

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

**Connection Cards**

*Are you new to Grace? Do you have a prayer request? We invite you to fill out a Connect 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 the home page of our website to subscribe.*

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Tuesday, March 9**

Women's Bible Study (AM meets on-site, PM via Zoom) .....9:30am, 7:00pm  
Contact: Marj DeVore, (262) 275-9426.

**Wednesday, March 10**

CM Team Training .....2:00pm

**Sunday, March 14**

Worship Service ..... 10:00am  
Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio ..... 12:00pm  
Contact: Pastores Ricardo y Berna Ramos, (815) 355-7482

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Daylight Saving Time**

Don't forget that daylight saving time starts on Sunday, March 14. Be sure to move your clocks ahead Saturday night!

**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 the worship service next 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 coincides with the Gospel Project lesson for the week. To request that a weekly activity bag be prepared for your child(ren), please fill out the request form found in the corner near the display table in the foyer.



## REFLECTION & RESPONSE

### CONTENT

1. Note some of the similarities and differences between the following:
  - Jacob at the well and Abraham's servant at the well in Genesis 24.
  - Laban's negotiation with Jacob for a bride and Jacob's negotiation with Esau for the birthright in Genesis 25.
  - Laban's deception of Jacob and Jacob's deception of Isaac in Genesis 27.
2. How, in Genesis 29, does Jacob fail to live faithfully (e.g., investigator, dictator, self-initiator)? How does God remain faithful to Jacob? What does this tell us about human nature? What does this tell us about God's nature?

### CONTEMPLATE

In Genesis 29, Jacob's glory is on display and not God's. Whose glory is on display in your life? God's or your own? Do you see any similar fruit to Jacob's self-glorifying way of life (e.g., pride, dismissiveness, self-dependency, impatience, or impulsivity)?

What would it look like for you to shift your mentality toward a dependency on God and not self? How would that affect your relationship with others? In what ways are you resistant to this shift?

*And remember, let God's faithfulness to you be the motivation that fuels your faithfulness to God.*

### CONNECT

In what way do you use flattery to buy affirmation from others? How might this be the result of an impoverished view of God's love for you?

What would it look like for you to live in the reality that God's loving affirmation is more than enough? How would that affect the way you encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and church community?

### COMMUNITY

God is full of compassion and does not treat us as we deserve. In fact, Jesus got what we deserve so that we can get what He deserved! Our invitation is to receive God's unearned and undeserved grace and then compassionately share it with others.

Take some time to prayerfully consider the following question: Toward whom is God inviting me to be compassionate? What does that tangibly look like? What will God need to transform in me to live out compassion toward this person or persons?