



God's Faithfulness *amidst* Man's Failure

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, March 14, 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

Before the Throne of God Above

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-5

WORSHIP IN SONG

How Great Thou Art

Confessional Prayer

His Mercy Is More

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL PROJECT KEY PASSAGE SONG

Rejoice, Be Glad (1 Chronicles 16:31)

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 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

Wednesday, March 17

CM Team Training2:00pm

Thursday, March 18

Church Board Meeting.....6:30pm

Sunday, March 21

Worship Service 10:00am

Taste of Grace 11:30am-12:30pm

Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio 12:00pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updating the Online Church Directory

Has your family added a new member since last year? Have you moved or changed any contact information? Are you new to Grace Church? If so, then we invite you to fill out a directory card (found at the Welcome Center) and/or attend a photo session after today's service.

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.

Taste of Grace

If you are new to Grace Church, 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2021

JULY 2020-FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<i>Income</i>	\$26,617.12	\$21,516.53	\$5,100.59	\$192,753.81	\$188,131.00	\$4,622.81
<i>Expenses</i>	22,053.83	22,180.88	127.05	193,377.30	187,884.63	(5,492.67)
<i>Net</i>	4,563.29	(664.35)	5,227.64	(623.49)	246.37	(869.86)

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SERMON NOTES

Counterfeit gods Genesis 29:31-30:24

I. The counterfeit god of pursuing people's affection (29:31-35)

II. The counterfeit god of pursuing possessions (30:1-13)

III. The counterfeit god of pursuing pleasure (30:14-24)

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

CONTENT

1. What does Genesis 29:31-35 reveal about human nature and its tendency to pursue satisfaction outside of God? What does this section of Scripture tell us about God's nature?
2. How does Rachel's and Leah's competition over childbearing found in Genesis 30:1-14 mirror our own tendency to turn possessions into gods?
3. In what ways do chapters 29:1-35 and 30:1-24 reveal God's continued faithfulness amidst the failures of His people?

CONTEMPLATE

In what way(s) have you turned the affection of people into your counterfeit god? How does the pursuit of this counterfeit god reveal itself in your life? In other words, what is your worship ritual (e.g., people pleasing, passive aggression, some sort of performance, some sort of hiding, etc.)?

What would it look like to allow God to be your source of affection? How would you begin to pursue that reality in your own life? And how would living in that reality change not only you but how you interact with others?

CONNECT

Consider the consequences of pursuing possessions as your counterfeit god. Which one(s) have you struggled with most? Why and how?

- Oppress others
- Justify corrupt ways for obtaining possessions
- Turn people into rival/competitors
- Reject God as the one who provides
- Look to people to affirm your value

How might God be calling you away from these counterfeit gods and into reconciliation with Him and others?

COMMUNITY

God has called His Church to be radically different from the world around us. Consider the context where you live, work, and play. How can you tangibly reject pursuing counterfeit gods? How can you tangibly reflect your pursuit of the One True God as you interact with others who do not know Him?