



God's Faithfulness *amidst* Man's Failure

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, March 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

*Come Thou Fount
No Longer Slaves
Confession*

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

CLOSING SONG

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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 30

Women's Bible Study Fellowship 9:30am

Contact: Gerry Christiansen, (262) 725-1404

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Remembrance Service 6:00pm

Resurrection Sunday, April 4

Worship Service 10:00am

Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio 12:00pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and place it in the Blessing box at the Welcome Center.



Good Friday Service

The Passion narrative should remind us of the extraordinary love of our Savior, but it should also remind us that he stood in our place, taking the shame, the suffering, the curse, and the condemnation that should have been ours. Please join us for on Friday, April 2 at 6pm as we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

Discover Grace

If you are considering church membership and attended a *Taste of Grace* class, we invite you to dig deeper with us at *Discover Grace* after the worship service on Sunday, April 18 from 11:30am-2:30pm. A Subway lunch will be provided (or you can bring your own). To R.S.V.P., please sign up at the Welcome Center. Subway order forms can be placed in the Blessing box.

SERMON NOTES

Jacob's Flight **Genesis 31**

I. Laban's Slight vs. God's Delight

II. Jacob's Flight vs. Christ's Plight

III. Our Plight with God's Might

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

CONTENT

1. What can we learn from Laban in this account? What effect did his desire for wealth have on his relationships? With his daughters and grandchildren? With Jacob? With his own sons?
2. How does God's character as reflected in passages like John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8-9 run contrary to Laban's? How can we apply these truths to our own lives and in the relationships that we have with others?
3. What are the positives we see from Jacob in this passage? What are the negatives? What lessons can we learn from each?
4. How does Jacob's return to the Promised Land run contrary to Jesus's final journey into Jerusalem?
5. How is our own journey similar to Jacob's? How is it like Christ's?

CONTEMPLATE

Reread Matthew 20:17-19. Jesus "set his face" to Jerusalem and to his crucifixion. Consider what compelled him to sacrifice his own life for the sake of his children. As you contemplate this reality, worship God for who he is and what he has accomplished in your life and throughout human history.

CONNECT

There are two very different realities that come about from today's readings. The first is that we are called to pick up our crosses and follow Christ. By itself, this is a frightening proposition. But the second reality balances the fist. As believers, we are under the wings of the Almighty. In other words, we are under his protection and guidance. In whatever God calls you, there is never cause for fear. Given that, is there a fellow believer that needs the encouragement that comes from one or both of these realities? Perhaps you know someone who needs a loving reminder that God has called us to follow him wherever he leads. Or perhaps you know someone who needs to be reminded that our God will never leave nor forsake his children.

COMMUNITY

As opposed to Laban, consider how you can reflect God's glory in your relationships with others, especially in the workplace. Laban was greedy, driven by a pursuit for wealth, and deceitful. God loved the world that he gave the free gift of grace to undeserving sinners who place their faith in Christ. How can you reflect God's character as you interact with other people, especially unbelievers?