



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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, April 11, 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

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:22-31

WORSHIP IN SONG

*How Great Is Our God*

Congregational Prayer

*Man of Sorrows*

*Build My Life*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL PROJECT KEY PASSAGE SONG

*I Am With You Always (Matthew 28:19-20)*

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**

**Tuesday, April 13**

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

Contact: Marj DeVore, (262) 275-9426.

**Sunday, April 18**

Worship Service..... 10:00am

Discover Grace ..... 11:30am-2:30pm

Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio ..... 12:00pm

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 by today, April 11. Subway order forms can be placed in the blessings box.

**Blood Drive**

The National Honors Society students at Big Foot High School have partnered with The American Red Cross to host another blood drive here at Grace Church on Wednesday, April 21 from 1-6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Children's Church Leader Training**

A mandatory class for all Children's Church leaders that is designed to train, develop and equip will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 1-4pm at Grace Church. More details surrounding this session have been sent to leaders via email. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. by contacting Marj DeVore ([marjdevore@gmail.com](mailto:marjdevore@gmail.com)), (262) 275-9426) or the church office.

## Membership Candidates

The following candidates are wholeheartedly recommended by Pastor Austin and the Elders for church membership: Dick & Sandy Carlson, Kevin & Allison Joly. Providing that no one brings forth Scripturally based objections to the Elder Board, membership candidates will be formally welcomed into membership on Sunday, April 25.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	MARCH 2021			JULY 2020-MARCH 2021		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$22,768.29	\$21,516.53	\$1,251.76	\$215,522.10	\$209,647.53	\$5,874.57
Expenses	21,956.71	22,230.88	274.17	215,334.01	210,075.51	(5,258.50)
Net	811.58	(714.35)	1,525.93	188.09	(427.98)	616.07

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## SERMON NOTES

### Learning Faithfulness

#### Genesis 32:1-21

I. Promise (vv. 1-5)

II. Prayerful Plan (vv. 6-12)

*GENESIS 28:20-22* Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

*GENESIS 32:9-12* And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed the Jordan, and now I have become two camps. Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

III. Present (vv. 13-21)

# REFLECTION & RESPONSE

## CONTENT

1. What does the appearance of angels in Genesis 28 and Genesis 32 say about God's presence with Jacob? What helps or hinders your awareness of God's presence in your own life?
2. In Genesis 32:6-12, how does Jacob exhibit wise planning and prayerful dependence on God? Share an example from your own life where you are learning to wisely plan and prayerfully depend.
3. In Genesis 32:13-21, how does Jacob's gift to Esau relate to God's gift of Jesus to us? In what ways do you attempt to achieve God's favor instead of rest in the received grace God gives you in Christ?

## CONTEMPLATE

Consider the list of prayer comparisons from Genesis 28 and Genesis 32. Which of the following most resonates with your prayer life? With some friends at Grace or family, take some time to practice praying together as Jacob prayed in Genesis 32.

### Genesis 28

- Prayer of Formality
- Prayer of Condition
- Prayer Demanding Evidence
- Prayer of Payment to God

### Genesis 32

- Prayer of Familiarity
- Prayer of Admission
- Prayer Begging for Deliverance
- Prayer of Provision from God

## CONNECT

God's graciousness to Jacob produced humility in Jacob and produced a desire in Jacob to seek reconciliation with his brother Esau. How might God be doing a similar work in your own life?

Is there anyone with whom you need to be reconciled? Pray that God would give you the courage and humility to seek favor with them and reconciliation. Let God's grace toward you fuel this pursuit.

## COMMUNITY

There is only one way to be reconciled with God and that is through trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice at the cross. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Spend some time in prayer over this passage. Let God's extravagant reconciling work in your life compel you into a ministry of reconciliation. Who is God putting on your heart? How can you live and share the good news of reconciliation with them? Who can you include from Grace to help you with this ministry of reconciliation?