



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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GENESIS

Sunday, April 25, 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

*Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*Confessional Prayer*

*O Come to the Altar*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF MEMBERS

GOSPEL PROJECT KEY PASSAGE SONG

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

GOSPEL PROJECT KIDS' BIBLE LESSON VIDEO

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 27**

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

**Wednesday, April 28**

Designed to Lead Training ..... 2:00-4:00pm

**Saturday, May 1**

Church Work Day ..... 9:00am-12:00pm  
Contact: John Jones, (815) 575-0401

**Sunday, May 2**

Worship Service..... 10:00am  
Baby & Child Dedications Informational Meeting ..... 11:30am  
Iglesia Jesucristo es mi Refugio ..... 12:00pm  
Contact: Pastores Ricardo y Berna Ramos, (815) 355-7482

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Work Day**

A Spring work day is scheduled to take place at Grace Church on Saturday, May 1 from 9am-12pm. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, please let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center or by contacting John Jones at (815) 575-0401.

**Child Dedications**

A brief informational meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, May 2 in FH1 for any parents interested in dedicating their child(ren) on Sunday, May 16. Forms are available at the Welcome Center and can be brought to the meeting.

**BFHS AP Testing**

Big Foot High School will host their Advance Placement testing at Grace Church throughout the weeks of May 3-7 and May 10-14. Most of the testing will take place between 7:30am-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that the church family and ministry leaders be conscious of this and plan their activities after testing has taken place to allow for a quiet, distraction-free environment for the students.

# SERMON NOTES

## A Believer's Journey Genesis 33

I. Sanctification breeds Courage and Humility

II. Sanctification breeds Reconciliation

III. Sanctification breeds Worship

## REFLECTION & RESPONSE

### SERMON SUMMARY

As the Lord continues to show His faithfulness in providing Jacob protection and provisions on his way back into the Promised Land, this text, as a picture of sanctification, also gives us a glimpse into the journey that all believers must walk.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think Jacob felt when he went to face his brother for the first time in over 20 years? How might his recent encounter with God affected the way he felt about this encounter? Are there any areas in your life that are currently producing fear? How should your relationship with God affect the way you perceive such situations?
2. What evidence from the text supports Jacob's journey from pride to humility? What is producing this greater sense of humility in him? Are there situations in your life that require more humility? How should your relationship with God and status before Him affect the way that you deal with such situations?
3. There are few things in life sweeter than reconciliation. Instead of Esau attempting to kill Jacob, he embraces him. How did this event better help us to understand our relationship with God? What had to happen for us to be reconciled to God? What bearing does that have on your relationships, especially those that might need reconciliation?

### OVERFLOW/OUTREACH

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Likewise, He is the beginning and ending of our sanctification. But we also have a part to play. Our sanctification progresses as we meditate upon God's Word, spend time in prayer, worship daily, stay connected to other believers, and serve others through evangelism, discipleship, and compassion.

Given our responsibilities, where are you at in each of the given areas? This is not simply a checklist that you need to do your best to get through on a daily or weekly basis, but a way of life. What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses? And don't forget, God uses our weaknesses for His glory and our good when we allow Him to. What changes need to be made in your life? What commitments are you willing to make today?