

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

## CHAPTER 15 GOD'S MESSENGERS



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FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

30 April 2023, 10:13am

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OPENING SONGS

***Everlasting God***

*Matt Redman*

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***Here I Am to Worship***

*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash*

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### INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

### CHAPTER 15: Introduction

***"Sending the Wrong Message"***

*Abbie Crist*

### THE STORY VIDEO

### SONG OF THE DAY

***Because He Lives***

*Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither*

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*\* All children are invited to come forward during the song.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the CHILDREN'S MESSAGE kids are invited to gather in the ANNEX for THE STORY FOR KIDS.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

*Steve Yearout*

**Matthew 16:13-18**

*Grace Perry*

### THE STORY CONTINUES

**The Upper Story**

*"God's Relentless Plea...Come Back to Me!"*

**The Lower Story**

*"God's Calling...Are You Listening?"*

## SERMON NOTES

Main Point

*Scripture Verse*

Upper Story Meaning

*God's Perspective*

Lower Story Meaning

*Our perspective*

THE STORY Meaning

*How do the two stories become THE Story?*

Application

*What Does This Mean For Me?*

## CHEERFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### **Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.**

Our ability to continue to serve you, the church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Please remember to support the LORD's church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings via VANCO Online Giving on the church website or the *GivePlus* mobile app. And if you brought your tithe or offering today, you may place them in the small, grey chest marked, "*O Lord, I bring an offering to you*" sitting on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary.

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

LSB 686

## REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

*In this world we are surrounded by enemies. Despite God's call for us to stand firm, we have failed to do so. Despite God's gift of eternal comfort, our own sinful flesh entraps us, and we have sought temporal comforts that have led us away from Him. We have done evil in His eyes and deserve death for our sinful lives. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and seek His forgiveness.*

*Silence for reflection.*

Heavenly Father,

**we confess that we have placed our hope in the things of this world. We have looked to idols of our own making for comfort rather than from You. We have faltered and fallen and failed. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

*Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake, He restores your hope and comfort. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen. We are forgiven. Christ is risen and in Him we have eternal comfort. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mathew 6:9-13

*Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE STORY CHALLENGE

Karen Sanders

*Please stand.*

## BLESSING TO DEPART

## CLOSING SONG

***Days of Elijah***

Robin Mark

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*

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**April 30, 2023**

## **WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!**

We're glad you're here and invite you to consider yourself part of our Grace family. We would love to connect with you. Please fill in the "Welcome Card" found in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank You!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the grey box sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the back of the sanctuary.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

General Giving Needed Monthly:  
\$17,917

**This month to date: \$18,143**

Designated Giving: --

Building Fund To-Date: \$27,150

Sunday School Mission: --

Grace Food Pantry: --

Food Pantry: 21 People Served; 78 Bags

Worship Attendance: 51

Small Group Studies: 42



**Pastoral Home Visits** (with Holy Communion, if requested) have begun! We will be working through our list of family members at Grace and setting appointments for Thursday and Friday

afternoons starting at 1pm. If you would like a visit soon, please call Karla at the church office (707) 464-4712 or see René Hutzell at church and we will arrange a visit!



**Those traveling:** Barbara and Mike Allen; Jayne Kettner and sister Mary. **Healing:** Pam Meirndorf who is recuperating from surgery and for her relative Julia Schafer who is in dialysis; Elaine Gardner (friend of Faye Mergups) who has bone cancer; Paul Sanders for loss of vision in right eye and medication side effects; Bryan Stanley (facing another surgery); Patricia Waggoner (friend of Erik Hauan) awaiting gastral-intestinal surgery; Robin Chase who has cancer; Sheila Shanle-awaiting medical test results; prayers for the aging in our congregation. **Encouragement:** Cindy Shaw who is caring for her husband, Buck Shaw who is in the final stages of dementia; Joan Butler who is caring for her mother; for a young man who is facing a potential 18-year prison sentence. **Praises:** clear medical testing for Jayson Shanle; a great medical evaluation meeting for Leesa Williams.

## IN OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Those who are hospitalized, chronically ill, in nursing home/care facilities,  
or otherwise in need of encouragement.

**Cards and calls are always appreciated!**

Bryan Stanley, Angela Stanley, Preston Reed (Janis Sad's brother, heart & lung issues), Jeannie Tardif, Sheila Shanle, Mary Jean Ames, Seth Bauer, Ruthe Mayer, Winnifred 'Wyn' Miller, Ashlie and Jared Newton, Ashlie Reed, Mary Rupprecht, Nancy and David Scott, Della Schmidt, the family of Tony Dantzman, and Ray Melvin's brother Gary.

**Family and friends serving in the military:** Chris Beeson, Sgt. Troy Clements, David Eninger, Gannon Machado, Collin Matz, Daniel Quick, Mark Tatara, Brent Thompson, Crawford Trask, Guy Walker, and Antonia Shanle.

**Please help us to stay up to date regarding those in need of our prayers by calling the office at 707-464-4712. Please report back any updates.**



Our **Women's Restroom** will also serve as an interim **Family Restroom**. Directions are simple: **If used as a Family Restroom, please LOCK the outer door for privacy, then UNLOCK when done.** The building of an additional Family Restroom is on our Project List, but until then, this should work as an interim solution.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**OFFICE OPEN 10:00AM - 3:00PM | TUESDAY - FRIDAY**

**April 30-May 6, 2023**

**Sunday:** 9:00am Nursery & Sunday School—for ALL ages  
10:13am **Sunday Worship—The Story: Chapter 15**  
5:30pm Pastor/Elders Meeting

**Monday: OFFICE CLOSED**  
2pm-4pm Food Pantry

**Tuesday:** 5:00pm Fellowship Committee  
6:00pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday:** 11:00 am The Story Bible Study  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:00pm The Story Bible Study

**Thursday:** 10:00am Quilters  
10:30am Culture & Christianity Small Group  
5:00pm Worship Team Practice

**Saturday** 9:00am Men's Small Group, The Story REBOOT  
10:00am Women's Small Group, The Story

For additional information about events and ministries, check the church calendar online at [www.GraceLutheranCC.com](http://www.GraceLutheranCC.com).