

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 17 THE KINGDOMS' FALL



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 May 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Better is One Day

Matt Redman

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The Heart of Worship

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

CHAPTER 17: INTRODUCTION

The Kingdoms' Fall

René Hutzell

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Ancient of Days

Gary Sadler, Jamie Harvill

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend "THE STORY FOR KIDS" in the ANNEX)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 21:8-14

Roy Tedsen

Matthew 10:29-39

Karen Sanders

THE STORY CONTINUES

Upper Story (*God's Story*)

"In One Ear and Out the Other"

Lower Story (*Our Story*)

"This Can't Be the End! Because...God is Merciful"

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?

THANKFUL 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. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. 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). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm

REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

The Jewish people were in exile far from the Promised Land, a punishment for disobeying God, when Jeremiah confronted Hananiah.

And we are in exile between Eden and paradise, disobedient children of Adam, one and all.

The people listened to the false promises of Hananiah.

We, too, are guilty of listening to the false promises of the devil. The truth is hard, and we are sorry. Lord, have mercy on us.

In Eden, our first parents listened to the voice of Satan and disobeyed the voice of God. By their actions they allowed sin and death into world. We have continued in their footsteps, enslaved to sin, bound to die, and all too often captive to the voice of Satan. Let us go before our God and Father, confessing our sins and asking Him for forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

we confess that we are in captivity to sin. We are powerless to overcome death. On our own, we are no match for the power of Satan. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Free us from our enemies. Restore our broken relationships with You and with one another.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you so that your sins may be forgiven, that death would be destroyed, and that Satan would be defeated.

*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 freed from our enemies. We are freed to serve in God's kingdom.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

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

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Karen Sanders

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

CLOSING SONG

Might To Save

Ben Fielding, Ruben Morgan

“Go in peace and serve the Lord.”

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May 14, 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

May--month to date: \$3,920

Designated Giving: \$--

Building Fund: \$--

Sunday School Mission: \$--

Grace Food Pantry: \$--

Food Pantry: 12 Individuals/34 Bags

Worship Attendance: 65

Small Group Studies: 66





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. If you would like a visit soon, please call Karla Dillon at the church office (707) 464-4712.

Those traveling: Steve Yearout and Abbie Crist; Jayne Kettner and sister Mary. **Healing:** Francisco Torres recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor; Chris Colacicco (Sue D'Errico's younger brother) has aggressive bladder cancer; Pam Meirndorf's relative Julia Schafer who is in dialysis; Elaine Gardner (friend of Faye Mergups) who has bone cancer; Paul Sanders awaiting eye surgery to correct vision loss; Bryan Stanley having surgery May 19; Patricia Waggoner (friend of Erik Hauan) awaiting gastral-intestinal surgery; Robin Chase who has cancer; prayers for the aging in our congregation. **Encouragement:** Joan Butler who is caring for her mother; for Tá Té, a young man facing a potential 18-year prison sentence. **Mourning:** Cindy Shaw and grandson, Ricky, in the loss of Buck, Cindy's husband; Robert E. West in the loss of his son, Eric.

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.



LOST & FOUND

Please check the coat racks at church if you have a missing hat, coat, umbrella, or other items.

Small Groups Being Offered

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for two new small groups.

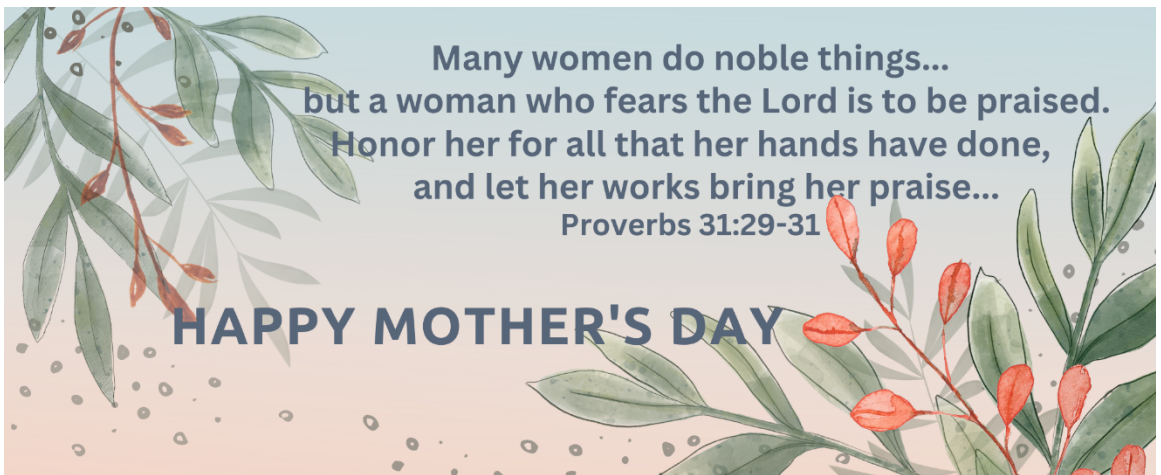
- **CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE**: This study is in process, but it's not too late to join. Learn how to be strong in your Christian values in a quickly changing culture. The study meets on Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
- **COPING WITH GRIEF & LOSS**: Loss is hard. But you don't have to go through it alone. Let's walk this journey together. Start date to be determined.
- **RESURRECTION**: This study is for young couples who want to learn about what happens AFTER the death of Jesus. Scheduled for Sunday mornings.



BUCKET OF BLESSINGS is back! This morning as you leave church, please select a prayer bookmark with the name of one of our members. Place the bookmark in your Bible to pray for them during your quiet time with the Lord.

"...be alert and always keep on praying for the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OFFICE OPEN

10:00AM - 3:00PM

| TUESDAY - FRIDAY

May 14-20, 2023

- Sunday:** 9:00am Nursery & Sunday School (K-6th Grade)
10:13am **Sunday Worship—The Story: Chapter 17**
5:30pm Pastor/Elders Group
- Monday:** **OFFICE CLOSED**
2pm-4pm Food Pantry
- Wednesday:** 11:00am The Story Bible Study
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm The Story Bible Study
- Thursday:** 10:00am Quilters
12:00am Culture & Christianity Small Group
3:00pm Book Club
5:00pm Worship Team Practice
- Friday:** 5:30pm Cochran's Small Group
- Saturday** 10:00am Women's Small Group, The Story

Today is LWML Mite Box Sunday.

Thank you for your support of Lutheran Women in Missions.

For additional information about events and ministries, check the church calendar online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com.