

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 19 The Return Home



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28 May 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

God of Wonders

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

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Laura Story, Jesse Reeves

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

CHAPTER 19: *The Return Home*

Introduction

René Hutzell

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

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CHILDREN'S TALK

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Haggai 1:2-9

Steve Yearout

Matthew 7:24-29

Abbie Crist

THE STORY CONTINUES

The Upper Story (*God's Story*)

"On God's Terms"

The Lower Story (*Our Story*)

"Don't Make God's Big Thing a Small Thing"

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

What Can I Do

Graham Kendrick and Paul Baloche

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REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

*In this world we are surrounded by enemies,
but Christ sets us free.*

*Sin has enslaved us all,
but Christ forgives us.*

*We deserve death for our sinful lives,
but Christ is risen and will raise us as well.*

*We are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan,
but Christ is present and protects us.*

*Despite God's call for us to stand firm, we have failed to do so. Despite God's
gift
of eternal comfort, we have sought temporal comforts that have led us away
from Him. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and seek His
forgiveness.*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Heavenly Father,
**we confess that we have placed our hope in the things of this world. We
have looked for comfort from idols of our own making 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. We have eternal comfort in Jesus.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Abbie Crist

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

CLOSING SONG

Your Name

Glenn Packiam, Paul Baloche

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Grace Notes

May 28, 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: \$15,326

Designated Giving: \$--

Building Fund: \$--

Sunday School/Mission: \$--

Grace Food Pantry: \$--

Food Pantry: 32 Individuals/67 Bags

Worship Attendance: 63

Small Group Studies: 33



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.

Prayer Requests

People who are traveling: Sue D'Errico; Mike and Barbara Allen; Patsy Nettleton; Karen and Paul Sanders; Jayson Shanle. **Healing:** Sheila Shanle facing chemo again; Francisco Torres recovering from surgery; 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 recovery from May 19 surgery; Patricia Waggoner (friend of Erik Hauan) awaiting gastral-intestinal surgery; Robin Chase who has cancer; prayers for the aging in our congregation and those recently dealing with chronic illness. **Encouragement:** Jane Kettner preparing to move to Minnesota to be with her sister; 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; Robert and Debbie West in the loss of their son, Eric; the family of Marty Schuller, who is with the Lord.

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, Ray Melvin's brother Gary, the family of Tony Dantzman.

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.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OFFICE OPEN

10:00AM - 3:00PM

| TUESDAY - FRIDAY

May 28-June 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 9:00am The Story: Chapter 18 Review
 10:13am **Sunday Worship—The Story: Chapter 19**
 Nursery & Children’s Church—The Story for Kids
 11:13am Fellowship Time
- 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 LWML Quilters
 12:00pm Culture & Christianity Small Group
 5:00pm Worship Team Practice
- Saturday** 10:00am Women’s Small Group, The Story

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



June is the LAST Month for the Quarterly Mission Project of Grace's Stephen's Pantry. Thank you for the donations you have brought in. Please remember that monetary donations are also accepted and help our volunteers purchase items that are specifically needed. The pantry is open every Monday, 2-4pm. If you would like to join the Food Pantry Team (shopping, bagging, distribution) please see Jim Ramsey.