

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

## CHAPTER 30: Paul's Final Days



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

13 August 2023, 10:13am

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME and INVITATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OPENING SONGS

***Here I am to Worship***

*Tim Hughes*

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***To God Be the Glory***

*Fanny J Crosby and William H Doane*

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### INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

### CHAPTER 30: *Paul's Final Days*

**Introduction**

*René Hutzell*

### THE STORY VIDEO

### SONG OF THE DAY

***The Servant King***

*Graham Kendrick*

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Grace Havens*

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10**     *"Paul Boasts In His Sufferings"*     *Roy Tedsen*

**Ephesians 3:14-21**     *"A Prayer for the Ephesians"*     *Karen Sanders*

### THE STORY CONTINUES

**Upper Story (God's Story)**

*"The Church Goes On!"*

**Lower Story (Our Story)**

*"The Church Is Not A Building"*

# *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](http://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**

#### **Doxology**

*Thomas Ken, Louis Bourgeois*

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### **REPENTANCE and RENEWAL**

*Christ, rooted and established in the faith, we confess our sins to God and to one another.*

*A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.*

*We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.*

**Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

*We have not loved You with our whole heart.*

**Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

**Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

*We owe You a debt of sin that none can pay.*

**Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

*When we were dead in our trespasses, God blotted out our debt of sin, nailing it to the cross. Having forgiven all of our trespasses, God has made us alive together with Christ. As a called and ordain servant of Christ and In His stead and by His authority, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Let us pray . . .*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promise, we are bold to pray:*

**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.**

*Mathew 6:9-13*

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

### THE STORY CHALLENGE

*Joanne Runnels*

*Please stand.*

### BLESSING TO DEPART

### CLOSING SONG

***The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)***

*Matt Maher, Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter*

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*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*

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

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### August 13-19, 2023

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

**Sunday:** 9:00am The Story: Chapter 29 Review  
10:13am **Sunday Worship–The Story: Chapter 30**  
Nursery & Children’s Church–The Story for Kids  
11:13am Fellowship Time  
5:00pm Young Couples Small Group

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

**Tuesday:** 10:00am Admin. Meeting  
11:00am Grief Care Small Group  
5:30pm AED Training

**Wednesday:** 11:00am The Story Bible Study “The Heart of God’s Story”  
5:30pm Supper  
6:00pm The Story Bible Study

**Thursday:** 10:00am LWML Quilters  
12:00pm Christian & Culture Small Group  
2pm-5pm Pastor Visitations  
5:00pm Worship Team Practice

**Friday:** 1pm-3pm Pastor Visitations

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranCC.com).



## AED TRAINING



The defibrillator has been installed in the Fellowship Hall next to the church office door. We encourage all church leaders and those interested to join us for Red Cross training scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30 pm. For more information or to register for the training, please contact Karla in the church office at 707-464-4712.



# Stewardship Challenge

Paul tells us we need to continue *'growing in the faith...to become more like Jesus'*

Grow- through daily **Prayer**

Grow- through regular **Bible Study & Worship**

Grow- through **Fellowship** with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**TODAY:** SIGN UP for the NEW Small Groups coming  
AFTER 'The Story' in the Fellowship Hall



THE STORY



## The Story Personal Reflection

*Read what God says about  
Faith lived out within the family*

**Ephesians 5:21-6:4**

*Faith lived out within our 'beloved' larger  
Christian Family (our church)*

**Hebrews 10:25**



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