

"Grace Received Is Grace Given"

1 Samuel 30:1-31

"Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have LEARNED in whatever situation I am to BE CONTENT. I KNOW HOW to be brought low, and I KNOW HOW to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have LEARNED the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things THROUGH HIM (CHRIST) who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11-13). "Do NOTHING from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more SIGNIFICANT than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this MIND among yourselves, which is yours IN CHRIST JESUS" (Philippians 2:3-5).

"What life does to us depends on what life finds in us." (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

- (1 Samuel 30:1-10) When we experience hardship we will blame others or we will find strength in God.
 - *"Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep....And David was greatly distressed....all the people were bitter in soul."*
 - 1) The people spoke of stoning him. 2) David strengthened himself in the LORD (1 Samuel 23:15-18).
 - Psalm 55:12-19
 - David had forgotten about his need for God while he was among the Philistines (1 Samuel 27 & 29), so God brought hardship into his life to draw him back to Him. *"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word." (Psalm 119:67)*
 - God is our only hope in the midst of difficulty and trial. *"But I call to God, and the Lord will save me....I utter my complaint and moan, and He hears my voice." (Psalm 55:16-17)*
- (1 Samuel 30:11-20) God's grace freely given to us.
 - Grace of strength: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)*
 - Grace of guidance: *"Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long." (Psalm 25:4-5)*
 - Grace of provisions: *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)*
 - Grace of mercy (forgiveness/withholding punishment): *"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities." (Psalm 103:8,10)*
 - Grace of victory: *"To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me." (Psalm 25:1-2)*
- (1 Samuel 30:21-31) God's grace given through us.
 - God's grace was given through David and his men to the Egyptian slave.
 - God's grace was given through David to the 200 men who stayed behind.
 - God's grace was given to the 400 men who were victorious over the Amalekites.
 - God's grace was given through David to the elders of Judah.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** We will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society for ONE more week. For more information about HeartCry, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary! There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also donate through Venmo, please be sure to note that the donation is for HeartCry!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** ***THIS*** Sunday, March 26th, we will be celebrating our 6th anniversary as a church. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to hear the gospel of Christ proclaimed and to join us for this celebration! ***There will be NO children's ministry offered during this service. The nursing room at the back of the sanctuary is available if needed.***

★**EASTER SERVICES:** Mark your calendars — We are having a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 7th, at 6:30pm (we will *NOT* be having our normal Thursday evening service on April 6th). We will be partaking of communion together as a church body during that service and we will also be having a Fellowship Dinner together immediately following the Good Friday Service. We are also having a Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 9th, at 5:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to hear the gospel of Christ proclaimed. ***There will be NO children's ministry offered during the Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunday Service. The nursing room at the back of the sanctuary is available if needed.***

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner **THIS** Sunday, March 26th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next baptism service will be on Sunday, April 2nd. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the Elders!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** **THIS** coming Wednesday, March 29th, will be our monthly day of prayer as a church body. We ask that everyone set aside a specific time of prayer on that day to pray for the leaders and ministries of our church body.