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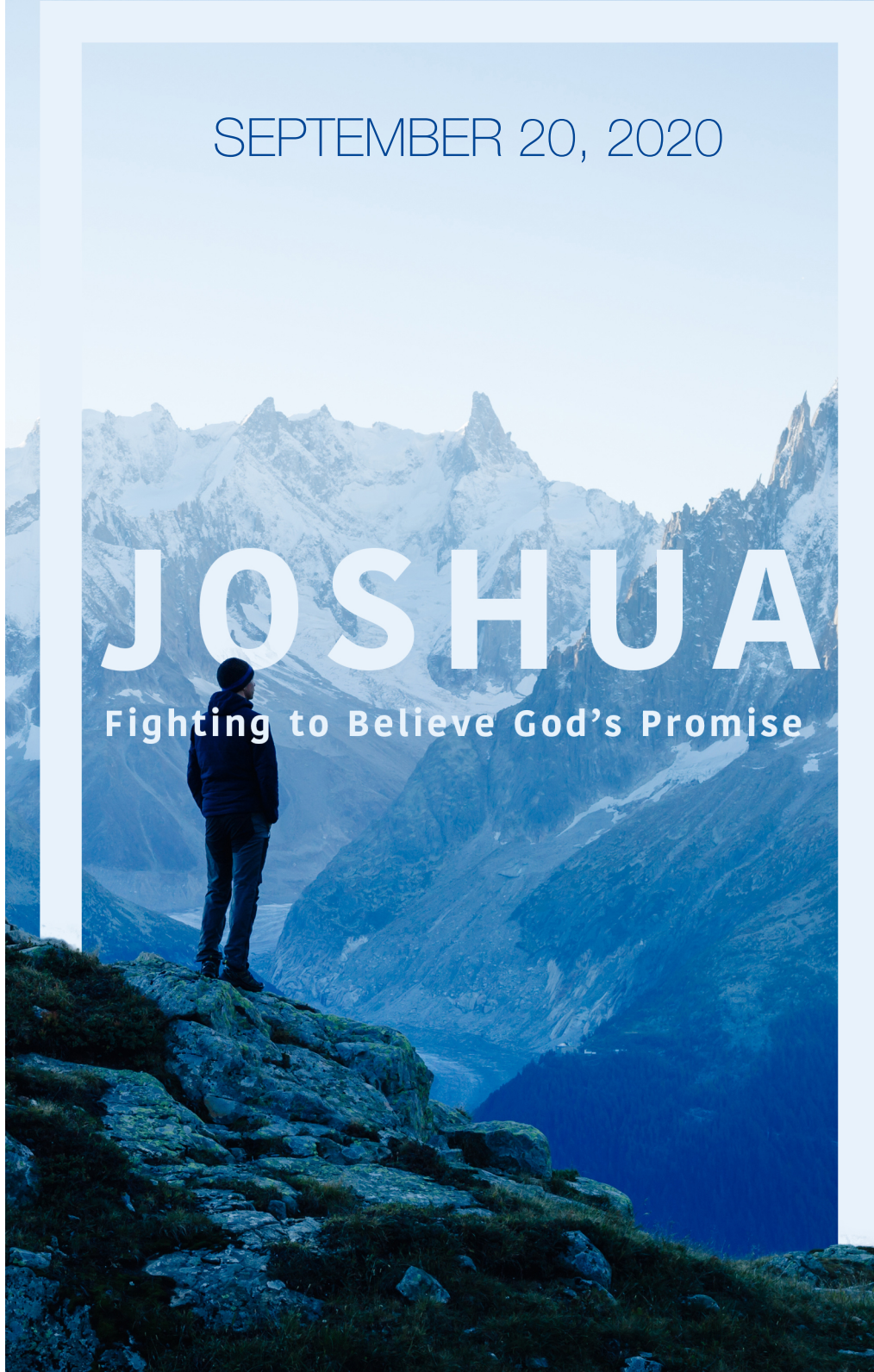
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm - Wednesdays - Bible Overview - at HBC
- Ladies Bible Study - Starting week of Sept 22nd
- Fall Work Day - Saturday, October 3rd - 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, October 4th, 6pm
- Next Steps New Members Class - Sunday, October 11th, 6pm

finances

General Offering - Aug '20	\$25,186.65
Designated Gifts - Aug '20	\$568.25
YTD General Offering thru Aug '20	\$174,234.90
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

September 20, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 14-15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Judah, your brothers shall praise you...“The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.”

(Genesis 49:8a, 10 CSB)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is the purpose of detailed land boundaries in the Bible? What purpose can they be serving us?
- What does it mean for you to “strive to follow the Lord completely?”
- In what ways are you not striving to follow Him completely?
- Think about the pervasiveness of the gospel in Scripture, even in the Old Testament, why is that significant?
- What does it mean for you to “strive for bold obedience?”
- Where are you not?
- Have you ever felt that God is “opposing you”? Was it that there was an area of unfaithfulness in your life?
- Praise God for his grace in sustaining us in Jesus!
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Joshua 16-17

SING

The Wonderful Cross | He Will Hold Me Fast | Christ is Risen |
Living Hope | O Great God

sermon notes

September 20, 2020

JOSHUA 14-15

Inheritance and Obedience, Part 1

1. Faithful Caleb [14:1-15; Numbers 34:17; 26:56]

The faithful strive to follow the Lord completely.

2. Hold My Cane [15:1-19; Genesis 49:8a, 10]

The faithful strive for obedience in bold action.

3. Unfaithful Judah [15:20-63; James 4:6]

Big Idea: God fights for the faithful.

Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Chorus 1

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.**

Verse 3

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all!**

Chorus 1

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When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last

Chorus

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Verse 2

**The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed**

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Pre-chorus

**O death where is your sting, O fear where is your power
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave. Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity, Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Verse 3

**And on the day You call me in
To heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars Your open arms
The beauty of Your face**

**Through tears of joy
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

**And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

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Verse 1

**How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 2

**Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 2

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 3

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

Verse 3 Repeat

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
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**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
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Chorus 3

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
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Tag

**Jesus Christ my living hope
O God you are my living hope**

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O Great God

Verse 1

**O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more**

Verse 2

**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

Verse 3

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me**

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