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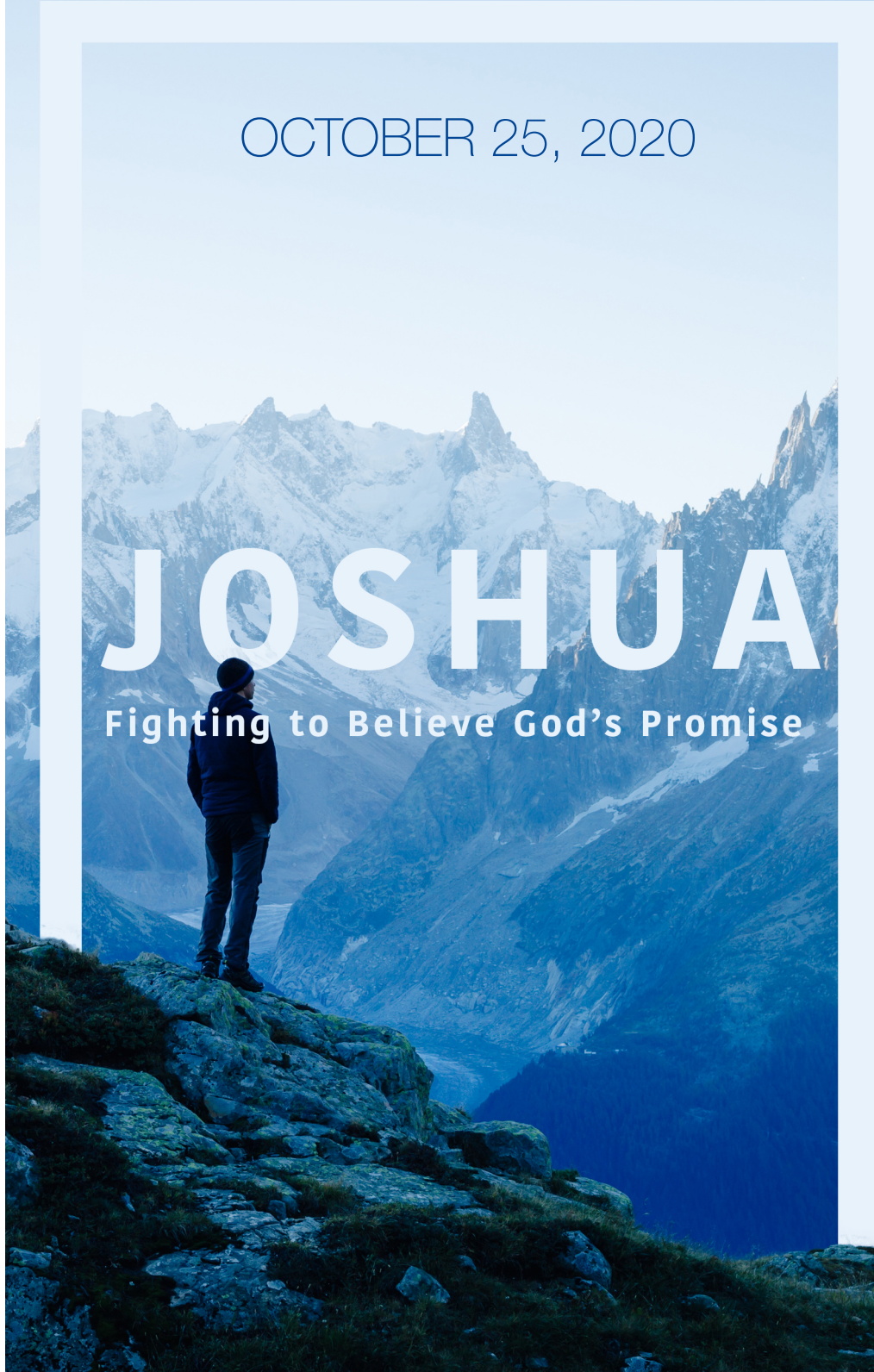
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OCTOBER 25, 2020

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 - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm - Wednesdays - Bible Overview - at HBC
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays and Thursdays, see Mel or Doreen
- Member Meeting - Sunday, November 15, 6pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 25, 6:30pm

finances

General Offering - Sep '20	\$18,090.23
Designated Gifts - Sep '20	\$371.51
YTD General Offering thru Sep '20	\$192,325.13
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

October 25, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 21. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(1 Corinthians 1:4–9 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the promises of God - what comes to mind?
- Consider how God fulfills those promises - how have you seen the promises of God fulfilled in the work of the church?
- How do you cultivate time in the presence of God regularly?
- In what ways is God calling you to be faithful, in an environment where it is difficult?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Joshua 22

SING

Grace Unmeasured | How Firm a Foundation | O Great God | Yet Not I,
But Christ Thru Me | His Mercy is More

sermon notes

October 25, 2020

JOSHUA 21

No Falling Words

1. Old Promises Fulfilled [21:1-3; Numbers 35:1-8; Ephesians 2:10]

God keeps his promises through His people.

2. 48 Cities. [21:4-42; Galatians 4:6]

The presence of God continues with His people.

3. Complete Faithfulness. [21:43-45]

Big Idea: God keeps his promises because He is faithful.

Verse 1

**Grace unmeasured vast and free
That knew me from eternity
That called me out before my birth
To bring You glory on this earth**

**Grace amazing pure and deep
That saw me in my misery
That took my curse and owned my blame
So I could bear Your righteous name**

Chorus 1

**Grace paid for my sins
And brought me to life
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right**

**Grace will lead me to heaven
Where I'll see Your face
And never cease
To thank You for Your grace**

Verse 2

**Grace abounding strong and true
That makes me long to be like You
That turns me from my selfish pride
To love the cross on which You died**

**Grace unending all my days
You'll give me strength to run this race
And when my years on earth are through
The praise will all belong to You**

Chorus 1

**Grace paid for my sins
And brought me to life
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right**

**Grace will lead me to heaven
Where I'll see Your face
And never cease
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Verse 1

**How firm a foundation
Ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent word**

**What more can He say
Than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled**

Verse 2

**Fear not I am with thee
O be not dismayed
For I am thy God
I will still give thee aid**

**I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous
Omnipotent hand**

Verse 3

**When through fiery trials
Thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient
Shall be thy supply**

**The flames shall not hurt
Thee I only design
Thy dross to consume
And thy gold to refine**

Verse 4

**The soul that on Jesus
Hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not
Desert to its foes**

**That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake**

**That soul though all hell
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I'll never no never
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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**

O Great God

**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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Verse 1

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 2

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 3

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 4

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Ending

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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VERSE 1

**What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

VERSE 2

**What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

VERSE 3

**What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.**

**We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

CHORUS

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
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Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

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