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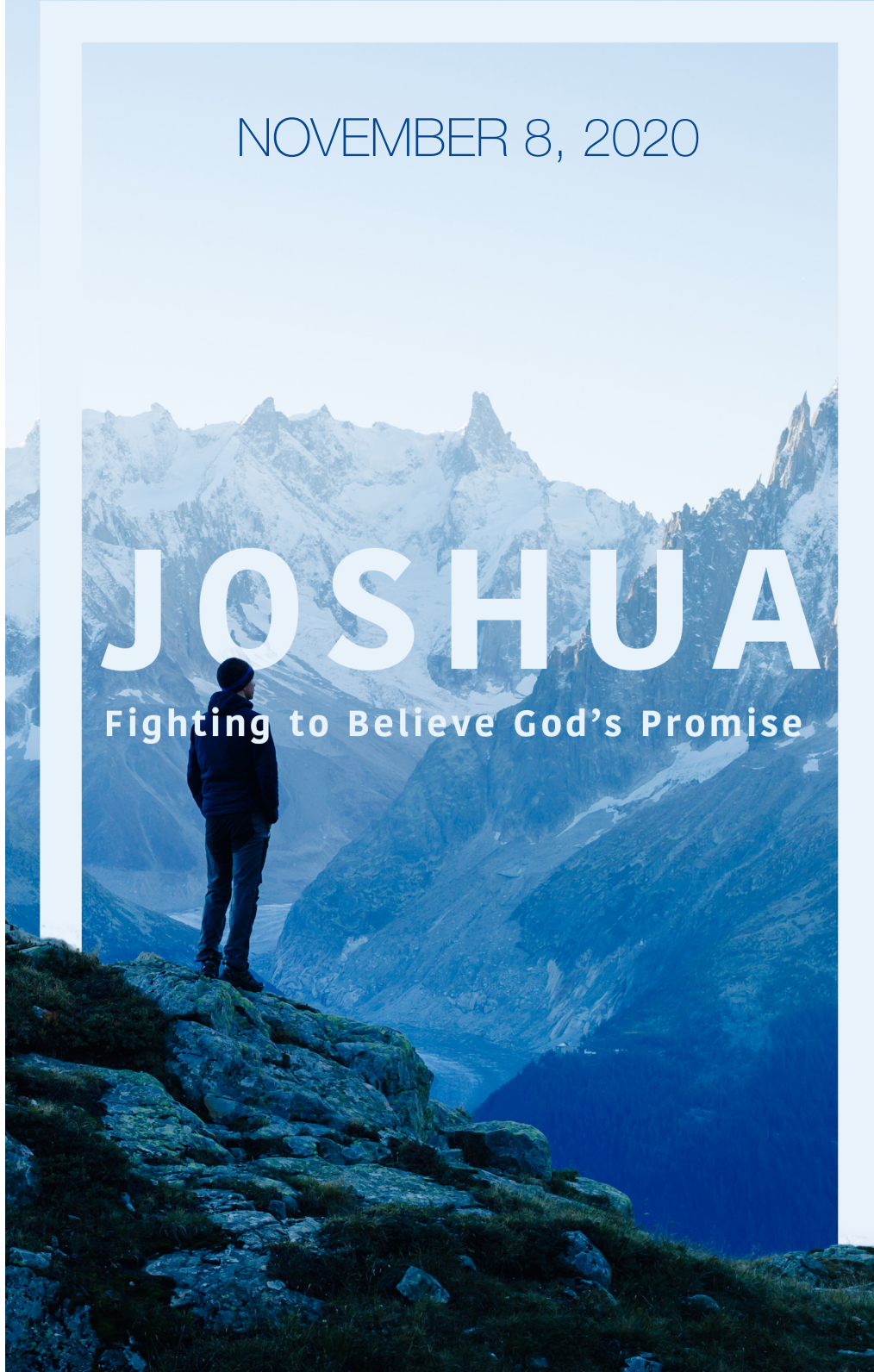
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NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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 - Oct '20	\$28,361.85
Designated Gifts - Oct '20	\$784.10
YTD General Offering thru Oct '20	\$220,686.98
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

November 8, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 23. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

(John 14:21-24 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider the mighty works of God we have seen in Joshua - what have been some of your favorites and why?
- Think about obedience? What makes it difficult?
- How are our hearts drawn away from God? What does it look like when that is starting to happen? How can you stop it?
- Do most people think Christianity is about love or obedience? [Trick question.]
- What is the biblical relationship between loving God and obeying God and where do we need to grow in either?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Joshua 24

SING

10,000 Reasons | Everlasting God | Blessed Assurance | Living Hope |
Nothing But the Blood

sermon notes

November 8, 2020

JOSHUA 23

Farewell Address, Part 1

1. A Long Time Afterward... [23:1-10]

Faithfulness to God includes obeying God.

2. Watch Your Hearts. [23:11-16; John 14:15: 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6; John 14:21-24]

Faithfulness to God includes loving God.

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and
Whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find**

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 3

And on that day when

My strength is failing

The end draws near

And my time has come

Still my soul will sing

Your praise unending

Ten thousand years

And then forevermore

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Chorus 1

Verse 1

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

Pre-chorus

**Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Pre-chorus

**Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Chorus 1

**You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary**

**You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

Verse 1

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Verse 1

**Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood**

Chorus 1

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Verse 2

**Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love**

Chorus 1

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Verse 3

**Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love**

Chorus 1

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
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 3

**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**

Tag

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

Verse 1

**To the sinners ears it may sound strange
That freedom could be found
through death and pain
Why sinless perfection took the blame
But hallelujah**

Verse 2

**For our pardon it would take the cross
Salvation paid for at the highest cost
Our redemption gained at Heaven's loss
Oh hallelujah**

Chorus 1

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood**

Verse 3

**There is nothing strong enough to stand
Against what love has done
With outstretched hands
For now salvation flows for every man
Oh hallelujah**

Verse 4

**Whosoever calls upon this name
Will find their guilt and burden rolled away
They'll rise up to their feet forever changed
Singing hallelujah**

Chorus 1

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood**

Bridge

**Every chain and fetter broken
Just one drop can make us clean
There is nothing it can't rescue and redeem**

**It has triumphed over darkness
Crushing every enemy
Bringing healing bringing freedom
bringing peace**

Chorus 1

**What can wash away my sin?
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