

MY BEAUTIFULLY  
**FLAWED**  
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A STUDY OF THE  
BOOK OF NUMBERS

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PRAYS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your bulletin
- Ask the Lord how you can become more and more connected to God's family. Anyone to forgive? Anyone to invite to visit? Anyone who needs you? Commit to the Lord to obey
- Our Fourth Grade and also our small group led by Mark and Denise Christensen
- The Bible Seminary
- Sister church, Common Ground Community Church and Pastor Jon Davis
- Our mission team serving in India led by Heidi Cerda
- The Af\*ar of Ethiopia

**We ask all this for the glory of Your name.**

***"For My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer For All Nations." Isaiah 56:7***

Please pray for this request shared during last week's worship service.

**Pray for  
others**

# ***My Beautifully Flawed Journey***

## **“My Anger in the Journey” – Numbers 20:1-13**

### **September 25, 2022**

### **Back to School Sermon Series**

| <b>MY BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED JOURNEY</b>  |  |                               |                |
|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>A Study of the Book of Numbers</i>   |  |                               |                |
| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Message Title</b>   | <b>Main Bible Story</b>       | <b>Numbers</b> |
| Aug 21  | <b>My Beautifully Flawed Journey</b>   | The Pillar of Cloud and Fire  | 9:15-10:10     |
| Aug 28  | <b>My Promises in the Journey</b>  | The Nazarite Vow              | 6:1-27         |
| Sept 4  | <b>My Complaints in the Journey</b>  | The Murmuring of God's People | 11:1-12:16     |
| Sept 11   | <b>My Failures in the Journey</b>  | The Twelve Spies              | 13:1-14:45     |
| Sept 18   | <b>My Rebellion in the Journey</b>   | Korah's Rebellion             | 16:1-17:3      |
| Sept 25   | <b>My Anger in the Journey</b>   | Moses Hits the Rock           | 20:1-13        |
| Oct 2   | <b>My Salvation in the Journey</b>   | The Bronze Serpent            | 21:4-9         |
| Oct 9   | <b>My Temptations in the Journey</b>   | Balaam's Donkey               | 22:1-25:18     |
| Oct 16  | <b>The Next Generation's Journey</b>   | Moses Commissions Joshua      | 27:12-23       |
| Oct 23  | <b>The Church Has Left the Building <a href="http://WhatsGrace.org/chlb22">WhatsGrace.org/chlb22</a></b> |                               |                |
| <b>Calling all artists:</b> Please submit your “My Beautifully Flawed Journey” artwork at Ministry Center receptionist desk (Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm; Sun 10:30am) by Sunday, Oct 2 |  |                               |                |

**My Beautifully Flawed Journey** – The Book of Numbers is a book in the Bible that describes the journey of the Jewish people from Mt. Sinai to the edge of the Promised Land to wandering in the wilderness and back to the edge of the Promised Land again. The book begins with a census (Chapters 1-4) and ends with a census (Chapter 26); thus, the book title “Numbers.”



**How Do You Tend to Handle Anger?** – When you get angry, which animal best describes your tendencies?

- TURTLE – I tend to retreat into my shell
- SKUNK – I tend to let off a stink and I am done with it
- SNAKE – I tend to slither and strike in covert ways
- OWL – I handle myself wisely

**The Problem of Anger**

- The angriest city in America: \_\_\_\_\_
- 32% of people have a close friend or family member who has trouble controlling their anger
- 45% of us regularly lose our temper at work
- \_\_\_\_% of us admit to committing an act of road rage in the past year

**Two Lessons to Learn From Moses’ Mistake** (Numbers 20)

**1. Lesson #1: Do whatever it takes to get your \_\_\_\_\_**

- What did Moses do that was wrong?
  1. He raged at the people (v.10)
  2. He took credit for a miracle that only God could give (v.10)
  3. He disobeyed God by striking the rock instead of speaking to the rock (vv.8,11)
  4. He did not believe God nor uphold God’s holiness (v.12)
- What led to Moses’ disobedient rage?
  1. Repeated complaints and disrespect from the people (vv.2-5). This is their 11<sup>th</sup> time of grumbling and complaining.

| <b>ISRAEL’S COMPLAINTS IN THE WILDERNESS</b> |                                    |                    |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b><i>Complaint</i></b>                      | <b><i>God’s Response</i></b>       | <b><i>Text</i></b> |
| Pharaoh’s army                               | Parted Red Sea; drown Egyptians    | Ex 14:1-31         |
| Bitter water                                 | Made water drinkable               | Ex 15:22-27        |
| Lack of food                                 | Sent manna from heaven             | Ex 16:1-36         |
| Lack of water                                | Supplied water from rock           | Ex 17:1-7          |
| Hardships of desert                          | Consumed part of camp by fire      | Num 11:1-3         |
| Lack of meat                                 | Sent quail and plague              | Num 11:4-35        |
| Miriam/Aaron against Moses                   | Miriam gets leprosy                | Num 12:1-16        |
| Giants in the land                           | Make wander for 40 years           | Num 14:1-35        |
| Moses/Aaron leadership                       | Ground/fire swallow Korah+         | Num 16:1-35        |
| “You killed Korah+!”                         | Sent plague                        | Num 16:41-50       |
| Lack of water                                | Water from rock; Moses disciplined | Num 20:1-13        |
| Hardships of desert                          | Sent poisonous snakes              | Num 21:4-9         |

2. Unprocessed \_\_\_\_\_ from the death of his sister (v.1).  
 Lianna Champ: “Grief doesn’t just affect us emotionally it affects us physically, mentally and spiritually too. Delayed grief is how we describe grief that isn’t recognized at the time of a loss and which can then be triggered at any time, manifesting itself and taking its toll in many ways. Loss accumulates when it has not been properly grieved, and this happens when we continually ignore or avoid our pain and pretend we are OK.”

- Application #1 – When it comes to losing your temper, what things might be priming your anger pump?
  - Unresolved anger from past hurts
  - Unresolved grief from a past loss
  - Disrespect, disobedience, and unruliness of my kids
  - Disrespect from co-workers or friends or others
  - Lack of sleep, food, and/or sex
  - Injustice
  - Politics
  - Being overworked and too busy
  - Other
  
- Application #2 – In order to get victory over anger, I am going to...
  - Prayerfully make a list of people with whom I have unresolved hurts and forgive each one through the power of Christ.
  - Attend Grace Fellowship's Grief Share class to help me process my past losses: [WhatIsGrace.org/Care](http://WhatIsGrace.org/Care)
  - Take proactive steps to get 8 hours sleep and to eat healthy
  - Turn off or walk away from my anger triggers (turn off the news, shut down the social media)
  - Meet with a Christian counselor to get help with all of the above. (See yellow list of recommended counselors at the Care Kiosk in the Worship Center lobby.)
  - Pray regularly asking for God's help and power in this
  - Surrender the driver's seat of my life fully to the Spirit of Jesus
  
- Application #3 – In order to get victory over anger, I am going to memorize and meditate on this Scripture or quote:
  - Galatians 5:22-23** – *The fruit of the Spirit is... self-control.*
  - James 1:19** – *Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.*
  - Ephesians 4:26-27** – *"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.*
  - Ephesians 4:31-32** – *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*
  - Proverbs 29:11** – *A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.*
  - Proverbs 19:11** (NLT) – *Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.*
  - Proverbs 15:1** – *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*
  - Proverbs 22:24** – *Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered,*
  - Elizabeth Kenny: "He who angers you conquers you."
  - Anonymous: "Anger is one letter short of danger."

- Korean Proverb: “If you kick a stone in anger, you’ll hurt your own foot.”
- Anonymous: “I don’t have to attend every argument I’m invited to.”

## 2. Lesson #2: Allow a fuller understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ to drive you to faith dependence on Jesus

- At first blush, God’s “no Promised Land for you” punishment of Moses seems like an exaggerated response to the trivial difference between “speaking to” and “striking” the rock to get a miracle for water. But that perspective does not understand the holiness of God. Verse 12 is key!
- Tony Evans: “The holiness of God is His intrinsic and transcendent purity, the standard of righteousness to which the whole universe must conform. God does not conform to any standard created by others. He is the standard.”
- Holiness is a really, really big deal!!!! The consequence for not upholding holiness is death – not getting to enter the Promised Land (Heaven, the abundant life).
- **Romans 3:23; 6:23** – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (And) the wages of sin is death.*
- Moses and Joshua as types. Moses is a picture of the OT Law (works; self-effort). Moses cannot take you into the Promised Land (heaven, the abundant life). Joshua is a picture of NT grace (free gift that is received). Joshua’s name means “Yahweh is salvation.” Jesus’ name is “Joshua” (in Greek). Joshua (Jesus) can take you into the Promised Land (heaven, the abundant life).
- Application #4 – Jesus, I place my faith and trust in You to save me from my sins through Your death and resurrection and to take me into Your Promised Land for me both in this life and the next.
- Next immersion baptism service is Sunday, Oct 9, at 12:30. Sign up at [WhatIsGrace.org/baptisms-at-grace-fellowship](http://WhatIsGrace.org/baptisms-at-grace-fellowship)
- Rudolf Otto defines God’s holiness as *mysterium tremendum* (“awful mystery”). In other words, you cannot put God in a box. He is full of holy mystery. God performs TONS of miracles, but He rarely performs a miracle in the same manner twice. God is not a formula or a magical ritual – He is an awesome, holy mystery!

| <b>Miracle</b>    | <b>First Time</b> | <b>Second Time</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Defeat Egyptians  | Angel of death    | Crashing Red Sea   |
| Heal the blind    | Mud on eyes       | Speaks healing     |
| Water from a rock | Strike the rock   | Speak to the rock  |

- Application #5 – Lord, I am sorry for trying to put You in a box. I am asking You for a miracle however You choose to give it.



**SERVE** WHERE  
THE  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
**SENDS YOU**

On **OCTOBER 23**, Grace Fellowship will shut our doors and go out into our communities to serve.

Our God-sized goal is over **2,000 Grace Fellowship**ers out serving our local community on this special day! Small groups and ministry serving teams can develop their own community project or adopt a local partner or Care Ministry project from our list. Families or individuals can join one of our large group projects.

**JOIN US TODAY ON THE PORCH**  
and learn more about all the ways you can serve!

## Relational Projects

- Prayer & Share Walk
- Reaching the World for Jesus
- Community Fall Festival
- Fun with our Youth

## Service Projects

- Serving Families in Crisis
- Rooted in Love
- Give Blood, Give Life
- Serving Families in Need
- Restoring Hearts and Homes
- Helping Special Needs Families
- Loving our Veterans
- Help Feed the World
- Serving Sundown

Visit [WhatsGrace.org/CHLB2022](https://WhatsGrace.org/CHLB2022) or Scan the QR Code to learn more and sign up to serve others!



# Adult Ministries

## Care

**Stephen Ministry**—Help...Hope...Healing. We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian Friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as loss of a loved one, divorce, loneliness or discouragement, or a terminal illness, and more.

For more information, please contact Michelle Reekwald at [MReekwald@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:MReekwald@WhatsIsGrace.org) or call 281.646.1903 x183.

**Need confidential care? Contact Care Pastor Cindi Lomax at [CLomax@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:CLomax@WhatsIsGrace.org).**

## Missions

**2022 Mission Trip:** Last Call! Register now to join our mission team to Reynosa, Mexico Oct. 2—7. More info at [WhatsIsGrace.org/Mission-Trips](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/Mission-Trips).

**2023 Mission Trip:** Join our missions team to Honduras on Jan. 16—23. Clean water provides a tangible and lasting blessing to remote communities. More info at [WhatsIsGrace.org/Mission-Trips](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/Mission-Trips).

**UPG Prayer:** Join us on Sunday, Oct. 2 and every 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30PM in M207 to pray for our adopted Unreached People Groups.

## Prayer

**Healing Prayer Today from 10:30AM—12:30PM:** No appointments are needed. Just come into the Prayer Center.

**Prayer Course 101, Sept. 12—Nov. 7 from 6—7:30PM:** Through Biblical and experiential teaching on prayer, we will discover what prayer is, who created it, and why. Learn more and register at [WhatsIsGrace.org/Prayer](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/Prayer).

**Prayer Line:** (281) 398-2GOD

**Online Prayer:** [WhatsIsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall).

## Spiritual Formation

**Say YES to growth and community this fall by joining one of our Spiritual Formation Groups!**

- Men's/Women's Bible Studies
- I bloom
- Emotionally Healthy Relationships
- Emotionally Healthy Woman
- Alpha
- Be the Bridge
- Women's Mentoring

Visit [WhatsIsGrace.org/spiritualformation](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/spiritualformation) for info and to register or if you have questions, email us at [GraceGroups@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:GraceGroups@WhatsIsGrace.org).

# Kids Ministry

**Kids Ministry is Seeking Volunteers:** Serving in the Kids Ministry will help our younger generation of children take their next step into becoming disciples. Please contact Jennifer for more information [JJenkins@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:JJenkins@WhatsIsGrace.org).

**Childcare Workers Needed:** Paid, part-time positions available for anyone who loves to care and be relational with infants thru elementary-age children during Sunday morning services and for programming throughout the week. For more information contact Kimberly at [KGould@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:KGould@WhatsIsGrace.org).

# Student Ministry

**Junior High Excursion registration closes Tonight!**

Join us for our annual weekend retreat happening Oct. 28—30. We can't wait for the best Junior High weekend of the year! Learn more and register at [WhatsIsGrace.org/studentevents](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/studentevents).

**Join a Student Small Group!** Student Ministry is serious about students connecting with God and others, and small groups are one of the best ways to do that on a weekly basis. Check out the Junior High and High School small groups available at [WhatsIsGrace.org/student-small-groups](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/student-small-groups).

**Student Ministry Sunday Services:**  
Junior High at 8:45 and 10:45AM.  
High School at 5:30PM.

## Get Involved

**Job Openings:**

- Special Needs Ministry Childcare Assistants
- Kids Childcare Worker

Please visit [WhatsIsGrace.org/career-opportunities](http://WhatsIsGrace.org/career-opportunities) to learn more and apply.

## Get Connected

**Help us build our Online Ministry!** Contact Ben Chai at [BChai@WhatsIsGrace.org](mailto:BChai@WhatsIsGrace.org) for more information.

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Grace Fellowship's  
**30 DAYS OF PRAYER**  
SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30

**Four “Say YES” Prayers for You and  
Grace Fellowship in Fall 2022**

**Say YES to HEALING** - Lord, heal us from the consequences of our own sin and others' sins against us. Heal us from unhealthy behaviors, talk, and agendas. (Jer. 17:14) Interrupt the status quo in each of us that we may be whole and holy. (John 3:3; 6:53)

Ask the Lord specifically to heal \_\_\_\_\_ in you, your marriage, your family, and the church; and any next steps for you to heal.

**Say YES to HOLINESS** - Lord, make us holy as You are holy. (1 Peter 1:16) Wash us with Your Word and enable us to live in holiness (1 Tim. 2:21) as a radiant, spotless, without wrinkle Bride. (Eph. 5:26-27) Give us clean hands and an upright heart.

Invite the Holy Spirit to search you and reveal any places to cleanse. Say I'm sorry to God. Invite Christ's holiness upon your life, your family, and the church.

**Say YES to the HARVEST** - Jesus, You are saying to us, “the harvest is ready” (John 4:35) for the reaping. Give us the obedience of Peter to do as You did and become fishers of people (John 5:10) so the world will come to know You! (John 3:16, Rev. 5:19) Please lead each of us to share ourselves in serving, giving, and praying. (Romans 12:1)

Ask God where He wants you to “let down your net” and then say yes to serving; joining a class or group; or going on a mission trip. Ask Him about your part in giving and praying toward those He longs to know Him.

**Say YES to the HOME** - Father, our prayer is to choose to live as Your household (Eph. 2:19) rooted in Christ (Eph 2:20). Fill this “house” with Your Spirit (Eph 2:22) so that we may grow into a spiritual family as God's own children. (1 John 3:2) Raise up “mothers and fathers” who will nurture Your people in love--messy love-- across all ages to truly know You and make You know. (1 Cor. 4:15)

Ask the Lord how you can become more and more connected to God's family. Anyone to forgive? Anyone to invite to visit? Anyone who needs you? Commit to the Lord to obey.

# SAY YES TO PRAYING & CONSIDERING FALL 2022 CLASSES & EVENTS

## This Fall's Courses

- Alpha
- Connecting at Grace
- DivorceCare
- Financial Peace University
- FriendSpeak
- GriefShare
- iBloom - Mom's Bible Study
- Junior High Sunday Mornings
- Kids 101
- Marriage Matters
- Men's Bible Study
- Multiply Group
- Pathways to Global Understanding
- Prayer 101
- Women's Bible Study
- Recovery with Grace
- High School Sunday Night
- Small Groups

## This Fall's Events

- **"My Beautifully Flawed Journey" sermon series** – a study of Numbers (started August 21, 2022)
- **Immersion Baptism Service** (August 28, 2022)
- **Night of Worship** (September 11, 2022)
- **"Say YES" Sunday Connect & Serve Fair** (September 18, 2022)
- **Church Has Left the Building** (Oct. 23, 2022)
- **Family Fall Festival** (Oct. 23, 2022)
- **Excursion Junior High Retreat** (Oct. 28-30)
- **"The Deconstructing Movement" sermon series** – daring to ask the faith questions that are causing some to leave the church (starting October 30, 2022)

**At Grace Fellowship, we want everyone to Say YES to KNOWING God more, SHARING God more, and SERVING God more.**

**Where is the Spirit leading you?  
Scan the QR code to check out all the options!**

