

HOPE

IN A HOUSE OF BLUES



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Fellowship

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Eighth Grade students
- Our small groups
- Our Cinco Ranch Campus
- Neighboring church service this morning at Iglesia Rios de Aceite / Rivers of Oil Church
- The Raj*put of India

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

Adopt an Hour of Prayer: Scan the code to adopt an hour to pray for our Nation on November 2.



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

Daily Prayer Meeting: Mon-Fri 11AM-NOON live (Cinco Ranch Campus) and online at thegreatsouthwestprayercenter.org. We have special prayer for the Middle East every Thursday at this time.

Esperanza en la Casa del Blues

“Esperanza en la casa del Blues – Parte 3”

Lamentaciones 4-5 | 27 de Octubre de 2024

Esperanza en la casa del Blues

Una experiencia de lamento por 3 semanas atreves de la música, arte y la Biblia

Fecha	Título	Texto Bíblico
Oct 13	Esperanza en la casa de Blues – Parte 1	Lamentaciones 1-2
Oct 20	Esperanza en la casa de Blues – Parte 2	Lamentaciones 3
Oct 27	Esperanza en la casa de Blues – Parte 3	Lamentaciones 4-5

Resumen del Libro de las Lamentaciones

- El Libro de las Lamentaciones consiste de 5 poemas melancólicos de duelo por la destrucción total de Jerusalén y el Templo por los babilonios en el 586 a.C.

Capítulo	Verso	Acróstica	Tema del Capítulo	Cadencia
1	22	1 verso por letra	El dolor y la vergüenza de Sion	Métrica rítmica de una canción fúnebre
2	22	1 verso por letra	Caída de Jerusalén y la ira de Dios	
3	66	3 versos por letra	La oración del angustiado profeta	
4	22	1 verso por letra	El asedio de Jerusalén	
5	22	No hay acróstica	Oración comunitaria por la misericordia de Dios	

- Mientras que los capítulos 1, 2, 4 y 5 son lamentos corporativos, el capítulo 3 es un lamento personal: el viaje personal de desesperación y esperanza de Jeremías.

TRES REALIDADES EN LAMENTACIONES 4-5

1. **Realidad de su _____ (Lam. 4)**
 - La gente se sincera sobre lo que está sucediendo.
 - Jeremías 6:13-16 – “Porque desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande, todos codician ganancias injustas; y desde el profeta hasta el sacerdote, todos hacen mentira. Han sanado ligeramente la herida de mi pueblo, diciendo: 'Paz, paz', cuando no había paz. ¿Se avergonzaron cuando cometieron abominación? No, no se avergonzaron en absoluto; no sabían sonrojarse. Por tanto, caerán entre los que caigan; en el tiempo que yo los castigue, serán destruidos, dice Jehová. Así dice Jehová: Párate junto a los caminos, y mira, y pregunta por las sendas antiguas, dónde esté el buen camino; y caminad en él, y hallad descanso para vuestras almas. Pero ellos dijeron: 'No caminaremos por allí'”.
 - John Eldredge – "Estamos viviendo un momento que puede ser el punto de quiebre para la cultura... una crisis de masculinidad

como el mundo nunca ha visto en esta escala. Todos hemos escuchado muchas historias de hombres aparentemente buenos que hacen daño. Lo que Lo que necesitamos son historias de hombres destrozados que se convierten en hombres realmente buenos".

- Aplicación #1: ¿Te sientes más como Jeremías 6 o Lamentaciones 4 en este momento? ¿Dónde te está invitando Dios amorosamente a que te des cuenta de tu propio quebrantamiento?

2. Realidad de su _____ (*Lam. 5:1-18*)

- El Capítulo 5 es una Oración
- Versículos 1-14 – Honestos acerca de la lucha
- Versículos 15-18 – Honestos acerca de sus corazones
- **Salmo 51:10,17** – *Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio, y renueva un espíritu recto dentro de mí... Los sacrificios de Dios son un espíritu quebrantado; Al corazón quebrantado y contrito, oh Dios, no lo despreciarás.*
- Aplicación #2 – ¿Cómo es el estado de tu corazón? ¿Qué imagen te viene a la mente al pensar en tu corazón esta mañana?

3. Realidad del _____ (*Lam. 5:19-22*)

- Tim Keller – “El evangelio es este: somos más pecadores y defectuosos en nosotros mismos de lo que jamás nos atrevimos a creer, pero al mismo tiempo somos más amados y aceptados en Jesucristo de lo que jamás nos atrevimos a esperar”.
- ESPERANZA: Versículo 19 – “Pero tú, oh SEÑOR, reinas para siempre...”
- DUELO: Versículo 20 – “¿Por qué nos olvidáis para siempre...”
- ESPERANZA: Versículo 21 – “Haznos volver a ti, oh SEÑOR...”
- DUELO: Versículo 22 – “A menos que nos hayas rechazado del todo...”
- Dr. Phillip Ryken – “El libro termina como Dios quiso que terminara, con el tipo de angustia no resuelta que esperamos del

Profeta Llorón. Sin embargo, Lamentaciones nunca tuvo la intención de tener la última palabra".

- Christopher J.H. Wright – "La historia [del evangelio] conduce y se centra en la cruz y la resurrección de Jesucristo. Las dos están indisolublemente unidas y cada una tiene su necesidad vital. No podemos contemplar la cruz sin saber de la resurrección venidera (por no incluso Jesús hizo eso). Pero igualmente, no podemos usar nuestro conocimiento de la resurrección como una forma 'sentimental' o 'escapista' de negar el horror absoluto de la cruz y la profundidad inimaginable del sufrimiento que Cristo soportó en todos los niveles de su divinidad. y el ser humano."
- Aplicación #3 – ¿Dónde te está invitando Dios a inclinarte hacia la paradoja en lugar de intentar atar un lazo alrededor de tu situación?

Conclusión: “Incluso si...”

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el “incluso si” que puedes darle a Dios esta mañana?

PONIENDO A SU CASA EN ORDEN

Una serie de 5 semanas sobre el libro de Tito

Fecha	Título del Mensaje	Texto
Nov 3	Poniendo a su casa en orden	Tito 1:1-5
Nov 10	Ordenando las cosas en su iglesia	Tito 1:5-16
Nov 17	Ordenando las cosas en sus relaciones	Tito 2:1-10
Nov 24	Ordenando a su conducta	Tito 2:11-15

Hope in a House of Blues

"Hope in a House of Blues – Part 3" – Lamentations 4-5
October 27, 2024

HOPE IN A HOUSE OF BLUES

A 3-Week Experience of Lament with Hope through Music, Art, and the Bible

Date	Message Title	Bible Text
Oct 13	Hope in a House of Blues – Part 1	Lamentations 1-2
Oct 20	Hope in a House of Blues – Part 2	Lamentations 3
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Recap of the Book of Lamentations

- The Book of Lamentations consists of 5 melancholy poems of mourning over the utter destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BC.
- Whereas Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 are corporate laments, Chapter 3 is a personal lament – Jeremiah's personal journey of despair and hope.

THREE REALITIES IN LAMENTATIONS 4-5

1. Reality of Their _____ (Lam. 4)

- The people get *real* about what is happening
- Jeremiah 6:13-16** – "For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"
- John Eldredge** – "We are living in a moment that may be the breaking point for culture... a crisis of masculinity like the world has never seen on this scale. We have all heard plenty of stories of

seemingly good men doing harm. What we need is stories of broken men becoming really good men."

- **Application #1** – Do you feel more like Jeremiah 6 or Lamentations 4 right now? Where is God lovingly inviting you to come to the realization of your own brokenness?

2. Reality of Their _____ (*Lam. 5:1-18*)

- Chapter 5 is a Prayer
- Verses 1-14 – Honest About the Struggle
- Verses 15-18 – Honest About Their Hearts
- **Psalm 51:10,17** – *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*
- **Application #2** – How is the status of your heart? What *picture* comes to mind when thinking about your heart this morning?

3. Reality of the _____ (*Lam. 5:19-22*)

- **Tim Keller** – *"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."*
- **HOPE: Verse 19** – "But you, O LORD, reign forever..."
- **HURT: Verse 20** – "Why do you forget us forever..."
- **HOPE: Verse 21** – "Restore us to yourself, O LORD..."
- **HURT: Verse 22** – "Unless you have utterly rejected us..."

- **Dr. Phillip Ryken** – *"The book ends the way God intended it to end, with the kind of unresolved anguish we have come to expect from the Weeping Prophet. Yet Lamentations was never intended to have the last word."*

- **Christopher J.H. Wright** – "[The gospel] story leads to and centers upon the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The two are indissolubly linked together, and each has its vital necessity. We cannot contemplate the cross without knowing of the resurrection to come (for not even Jesus did that). But equally, we cannot use our knowledge of the resurrection as a 'sentimental' or 'escapist' way of denying the absolute horror of the cross and the unimaginable depth of suffering that Christ endured at every level of his divine and human being."
 - **Application #3** – Where is God inviting you to lean into the paradox rather than trying to tie a bow around your situation?
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Conclusion: “Even if...”

Question: What is the “even if” you can give to God this morning?

GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

An 5-Week Sermon Series on the Book of Titus

Date	Message Title	Bible Text
Nov 3	Getting Your House in Order	Titus 1:1-5
Nov 10	Getting Things in Order in the Church	Titus 1:5-16
Nov 17	Getting Things in Order in Your Relationships	Titus 2:1-10
Nov 24	Getting Things in Order in Your Conduct	Titus 2:11-15

21 DAYS OF UNIFIED PRAYER FOR A.M.E.R.I.C.A.

OCTOBER 16 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2024



**Scan to adopt an
hour of prayer**



A – ADONAI'S WILL (GOD'S WILL)

Sundays: Lord, we pray Your Kingdom come and Your will be done (Matthew 6:10) in the 2024 elections in America. ["Adonai" is one of the Hebrew words for God and means "Lord"]

M – MY VOTE

Mondays: Lord, please fill me with Your Spirit and lead me (Ephesians 5:18) to vote for the candidates that You want me to vote for. Lord, who do You want me to vote for?

E – EVERY CANDIDATE AND LEADER

Tuesdays: Lord, we pray for every single candidate and leader (1 Timothy 2:1-2) – bless them, protect them, lead them, use them, and have Your way in their lives.

R – REVIVAL

Wednesdays: Lord, please heal our land and send revival and spiritual awakening to the United States of America (2 Chronicles 7:14). We look to You – not a human leader – as our ultimate hope (Psalm 146:3-5).

I – ISAIAH 56:7

Thursdays: Lord, please raise up Your church as a house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7) and use us as salt and light in our community and world (Matthew 5:13-16).

C – CHARITY (LOVE) AND UNITY

Fridays: Lord, we pray for unity among believers (John 17:21) and for unity in our nation (Psalm 133) – that a watching world will see our civility, kindness, and love (John 13:35).

A – ARMOR OF GOD

Saturdays: Lord, on behalf of ourselves, our church, our community, and our nation, we put on the full armor of God – the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the Gospel of peace shoes, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit – for our protection and the advance of Your Kingdom (Ephesians 6:10-20).

Please join your Grace Fellowship church family for a **Day of Unified Prayer for America** on Saturday, November 2, from 10AM–4PM in the Prayer Center and a **Sacred Assembly** from 4PM–6PM in the Worship Center.



WOMEN OF GRACE

THANKS GIVING

Potluck



NOVEMBER 7, 2024 FROM 6-8PM

North Katy Campus 19407 Park Row, Suite 180

Houston, TX 77084



PERSPECTIVES

*Attend.
Comprehend.
Engage.*

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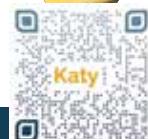
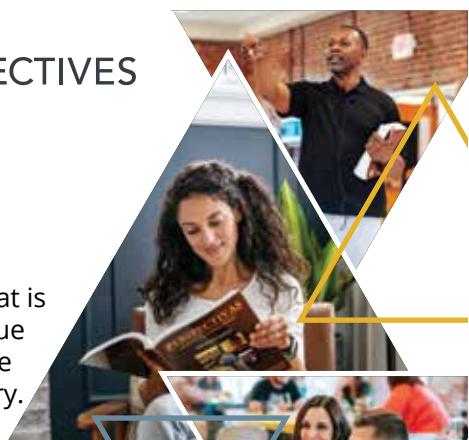
Perspectives is a global movement that is awakening the Body of Christ to pursue the fulfillment of God's global purpose within every people group for His glory.

WHY

Join us in the Spring semester and discover God's unique role for each Christian in His global purpose of evangelizing the nations.

WHERE

Grace Fellowship Church
Wednesdays, January 15-May 7 from 6-9PM
Cinco Ranch Campus, Student Building Room 21



Attend the first night for FREE! Childcare available.