

MY BEAUTIFULLY
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A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF NUMBERS

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CHURCH

THAT

PRAYS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your bulletin
- Offer a silent thanksgiving for how God is responding to 30 days of prayer. Write in the prayer request box an answer to prayer for healing, holiness, harvest, or home in response to our 30 days of prayer
- Our Fifth Grade and also our small group led by Karen Coolidge
- The Great Southwest Prayer Center
- Sister church, Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Pastor Carter Sanger
- The Azer*bajjani of Azerbaijan

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 Salvation in the Journey” – Numbers 21:4-9

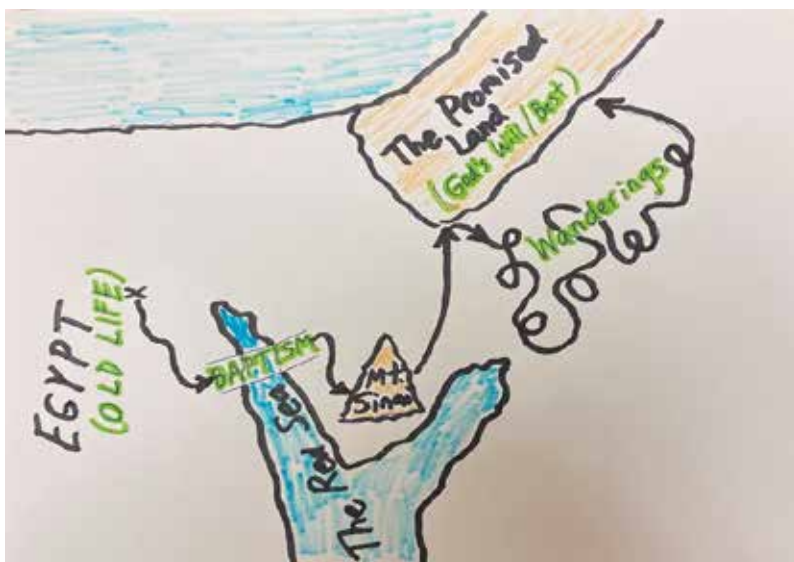
October 2, 2022

Back to School Sermon Series

MY BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED JOURNEY			
<i>A Study of the Book of Numbers</i>			
Date	Message Title	Main Bible Story	Numbers
Aug 21	My Beautifully Flawed Journey	The Pillar of Cloud and Fire	9:15-10:10
Aug 28	My Promises in the Journey	The Nazarite Vow	6:1-27
Sept 4	My Complaints in the Journey	The Murmurings of God's People	11:1-12:16
Sept 11	My Failures in the Journey	The Twelve Spies	13:1-14:45
Sept 18	My Rebellion in the Journey	Korah's Rebellion	16:1-17:3
Sept 25	My Anger in the Journey	Moses Hits the Rock	20:1-13
Oct 2	My Salvation in the Journey	The Bronze Serpent	21:4-9
Oct 9	My Temptations in the Journey	Balaam's Donkey	22:1-25:18
Oct 16	The Next Generation's Journey	Moses Commissions Joshua	27:12-23
Oct 23	The Church Has Left the Building WhatsGrace.org/chlb22		

Calling all artists: 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.”



Two Exhortations from the Wilderness (Numbers 21:4-9)

1. Stop _____ – it is sin and will be judged (vv.4-6)

- This is the 12th time that the Israelites have complained. We could rename this book “The Book of Complaints”!

ISRAEL'S COMPLAINTS IN THE WILDERNESS		
Complaint	God's Response	Text
Pharaoh's army	Parted Red Sea; drown Egyptians	Ex 14:1-31
Bitter wáter	Made wáter drinkable	Ex 15:22-27
Lack of food	Sent manna from heaven	Ex 16:1-36
Lack of wáter	Supplied wáter 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

- **Philippians 2:14-15** (NIV) – *Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.*
- **Application** – In order to complain less, Lord please help me to...
 - Practice gratefulness
 - Quit trying to go back to Egypt and, instead, live in the present enjoying what God has provided
 - Quit complaining about my leaders and, instead, support them
- The consequence and judgment of the Israelites' sin this time was God sending “fiery serpents” (venomous snakes with a burning, lethal bite).
- Warren Wiersbe: “Fiery’ doesn’t describe the appearance of the serpents but the inflammation and pain caused by their venom. Those bitten died quickly, and apparently their death wasn’t an easy one. The wages of sin is still death.”

2. _____ and receive God's mercy from God's judgment (vv.7-9)

- Kudos that the Israelites recognized their sin and repented – expressed godly sorrow with an intent to change (v.7a).
- Their prayer was for God to remove the snakes (v.7b). God answered their prayer with salvation but not in the exact manner that they asked for. Instead of removing the snakes, God provided a saving remedy through a bronze serpent on a pole.
- Question: Is God still good if He doesn't remove the snakes?
- Question: Why a bronze serpent? Why not a bronze lamb or a bronze dove? Why a bronze serpent on a pole?

- John Piper: "The serpent on the pole is not preventative. It is for bitten people. The poison is in them, and without divine intervention they will die. The snakes in the camp are from the Lord. He sent them. The wrath of God is on this people for their sin of ingratitude and murmuring and rebellion. The means God chooses to rescue the people from His own curse is a picture of the curse itself. All they have to do in order to be saved from God's wrath is look at His provision hanging on a pole."
- **Galatians 3:13** – *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** – *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Three Powerful Insights About One of the Most Popular Scriptures in the Whole Bible (John 3:1-16)

1. Nicodemus could not understand what Jesus was sharing with him because Nicodemus had not been _____ (vv.3,9-12)

- **1 Corinthians 2:13-15** (NLT) – *When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.*
- You cannot understand spiritual truths unless you are born again.

2. Jesus used a Scripture that Nicodemus had memorized to explain to him _____ and _____ to be born again and saved (vv.14-16)

- Why must you be born again? Because you have sinned and been bitten by the snake. You have the poison of sin inside of you.
- How are you born again? By looking to the Cursed One hanging on a pole. By believing in the Son of Man (Jesus) who was cursed in your place – in your stead, as your substitute – by hanging on the cross for all of your sin. Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.

3. "Believe" means to "_____" (vv.14-15)

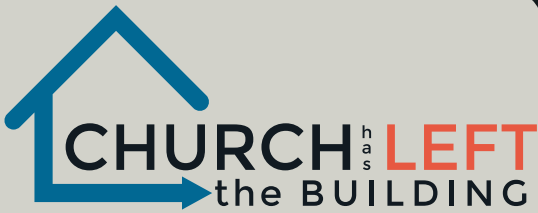
- **Numbers 21:9** – *And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.*
- **Isaiah 45:22** (NKJV) – *Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!*
- The testimony of Charles Spurgeon

My Big Application Today – Today, I choose to...

- Look to Jesus for salvation from all of my sins and the resulting judgment of death (separation from God).

Lord Jesus, I look to You. I am sorry for my sins, and I repent. Jesus, I look to You in faith and receive what You did for me on the cross becoming a curse for me. Thank You. I receive Your salvation remedy for all of the poison in my life. I receive forgiveness of my sins and Your free gift of eternal life. Please birth me again. I look to You.

- Tell everyone that I am looking to Jesus by getting water baptized on Sunday, October 9, at 12:30pm. Sign up at WhatIsGrace.org/baptisms-at-grace-fellowship
- Look to Jesus to give me victory and power over my sin habits and addictions and bad practices.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my marriage.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my parenting.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my children.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my singleness.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my finances.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my health.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my job and workplace.
- Look to Jesus to...
- Look to Jesus for His ultimate good even if my present circumstances don't change (i.e., the snakes don't go away). I think I must have the snakes go away, but what I really need is salvation from the poison.
- Show others how to look to Jesus.



SERVE WHERE
THE
HOLY SPIRIT
SENDS YOU

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

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

COMMUNITY *Fall Festival*

OCTOBER 23 | 4—6PM

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CINCO RANCH CAMPUS.

After a morning of blessing our community, we **invite you to come and celebrate with a Fun-filled Fall Festival.**

There will be cotton candy, popcorn, cupcake-walk, crafts, face painting, inflatables, mini-golf, carnival games and more!

Make sure to invite your friends and family!

Church has Left



the Building!

Visit WhatIsGrace.org/CHLB2022 or Scan the QR Code to learn more and register to serve

Adult Ministries

Care

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 the loss of a loved one, divorce, loneliness or discouragement, or a terminal illness, and more.

For more information, please contact Michelle Reekwald at MReekwald@WhatsGrace.org or call 281.646.1903 X183.

Need confidential care? Contact Care Pastor Cindi Lomax at CLomax@WhatsGrace.org.

Missions

UPG Prayer: Join us today and every 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30PM in room M207 (Ministry Center) to pray for our adopted Unreached People Groups with Pak Efert from Indonesia.

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 WhatsGrace.org/Mission-Trips.

Prayer

Prophetic Prayer on Oct. 9, 10:30AM—NOON: If you need strength, encouragement or comfort, please visit the Prayer Center and allow the Prophetic Team to minister to you. Safe, biblical, motivated by love.

Prophetic Prayer Training Nov. 6, 12:30—3:30PM: You are invited to come learn and experience hearing God's voice led by Stephanie Leggett, director of the Prophetic Prayer Ministry. Visit WhatsGrace.org/Prayer for more information and to register.

Prayer Line: (281) 398-2GOD

Online Prayer: WhatsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall.

Spiritual Formation

Ever thought about leading a small group?

Want to know what's involved? We have an opportunity for you! Small Group Leader Training is happening October 16th!

Email Julia at JJohnson@WhatsGrace.org for more information and to register.

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@WhatsGrace.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@WhatsGrace.org.

Student Ministry

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 WhatsGrace.org/student-small-groups.

High School After Party on Oct. 9! Come to High School Sunday Night from 5:30—7PM and stay until 9PM for the After Party!

Student Ministry Sunday Services:

Junior High at 8:45 and 10:45AM.

High School at 5:30PM.

Get Connected

Connecting at Grace: Whether you're new to Grace Fellowship or have been coming for years, Connecting at Grace is the place to find out more about Grace Fellowship and get connected. **You will find a place to belong, grow, and serve!** Learn more and register for the next sessions at WhatsGrace.org/GetConnected.

Get Involved

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