

Saturday, June 19, 2pm

Meet at Turner-Dodge House in Lansing

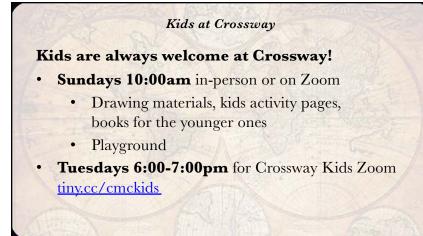
Karen will give a short talk about her sculpture: "Sacred Sorrow"

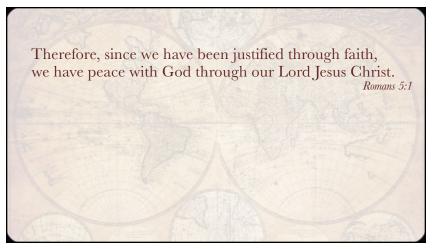
Then we'll walk on the River Trail



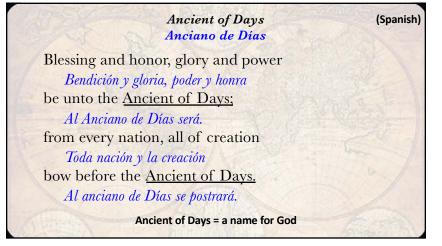


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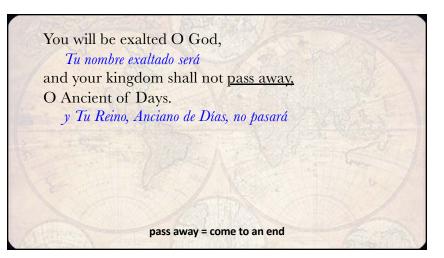
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Every tongue in heaven and earth *Toda lengua confesará* shall declare your glory, *declarará tu gloria* every knee shall bow at your throne in worship; *Toda rodilla se doblará adorando*

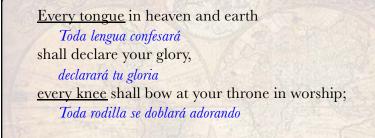
Every tongue, every knee = Every person

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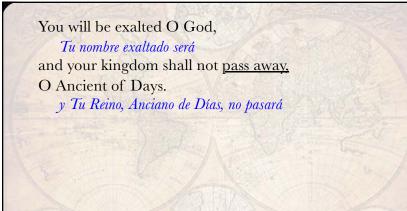


Blessing and honor, glory and power Bendición y gloria, poder y honra be unto the Ancient of Days; Al Anciano de Días será. from every nation, all of creation Toda nación y la creación bow before the Ancient of Days. Al anciano de Días se postrará.

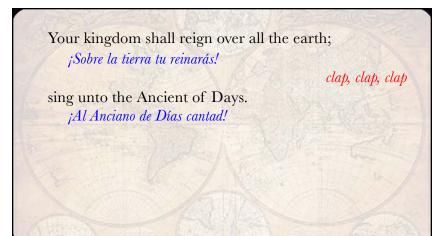
Ancient of Days = a name for God

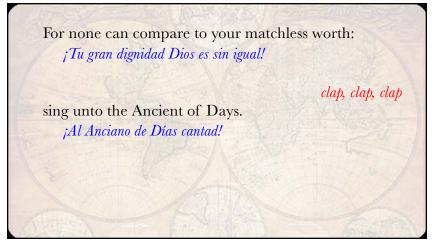


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pass away = come to an end





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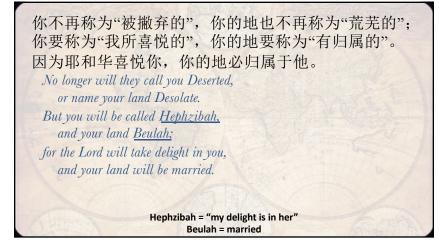
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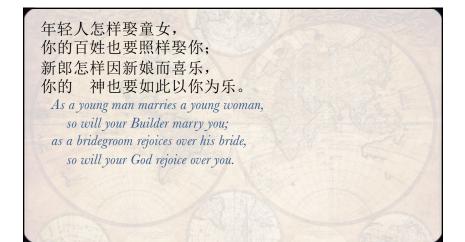
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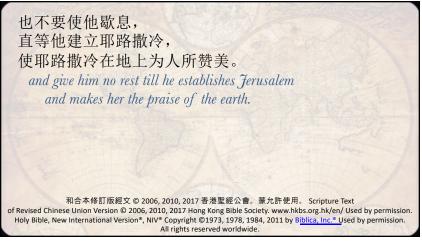








耶路撒冷啊,
我在你城墙上设立守望者,
他们昼夜不停地呼喊。
呼求耶和华的啊,你们不要歇息,
I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem;
they will never be silent day or night.
You who call on the Lord,
give yourselves no rest,



以赛亚书 62:1-7 * Isaiah 62:1-7

For <u>Zion</u>'s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her <u>vindication</u> shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 我因锡安必不静默, 为耶路撒冷必不安宁, 直到它的公义如光辉发出, 它的救恩如火把燃烧。

> Zion = where God's temple is vindication = status as children of God

The nations will see your <u>vindication</u>, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will <u>bestow</u>. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a <u>royal diadem</u> in the hand of your God. 列国要看见你的公义,列王要看见你的荣耀。 你必得新的名字,是耶和华亲口起的。 你在耶和华的手中成为华冠, 在你 神的掌上成为冠冕。 <u>vindication = status as children of God</u> <u>bestow = give a great honor</u> royal diadem = symbol of great value and honor

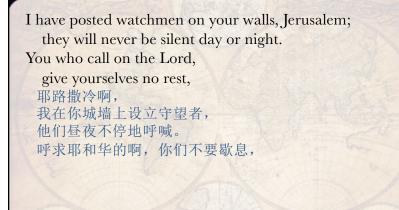
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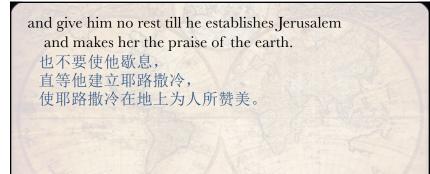
(Chinese)

No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called <u>Hephzibah</u>, and your land <u>Beulah</u>; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 你不再称为"被撇弃的",你的地也不再称为"荒芜的"; 你要称为"我所喜悦的",你的地要称为"有归属的"。 因为耶和华喜悦你,你的地必归属于他。 Hephzibah = "my delight is in her"

Beulah = married

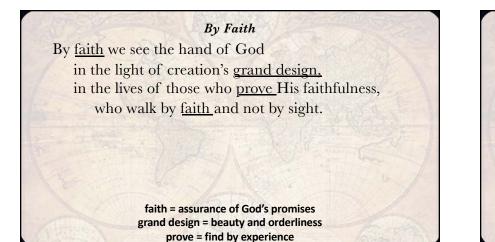
As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. 年轻人怎样娶童女, 你的百姓也要照样娶你; 新郎怎样因新娘而喜乐, 你的 神也要如此以你为乐。





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By faith our <u>fathers roamed</u> the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts, of a <u>holy city</u> built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice r<u>eign.</u>

> fathers = God's people from long ago roamed = lived on holy city = the new earth reign = always followed

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We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

> children of the promise = those who received the promise fix our eyes = set our hope race = life of seeking God faith = assurance of God's promises

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

> longed-for Messiah = God's promised Savior, Jesus Christ break the chains = end the power of

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By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost to deliver <u>captives</u> and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

> faith = assurance of God's promises lost = do not know Jesus Christ captives = controlled by sin good news = freedom in Christ every corner = among all people

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By <u>faith this mountain shall be moved</u> and the power of the gospel shall <u>prevail</u>, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

> faith = assurance of God's promises this mountain shall be moved = a great task completed prevail = succeed

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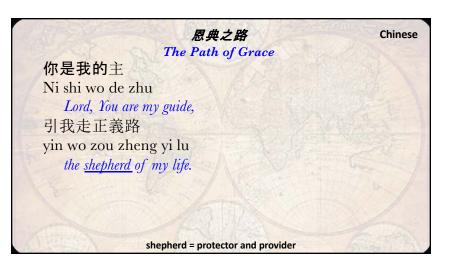
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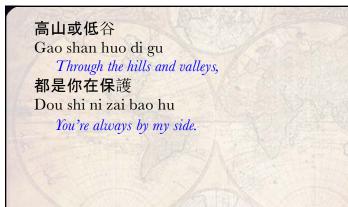
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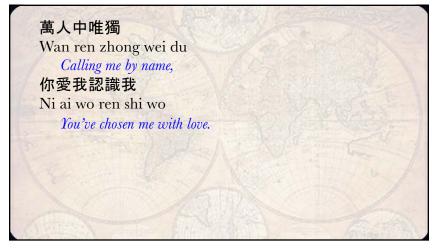
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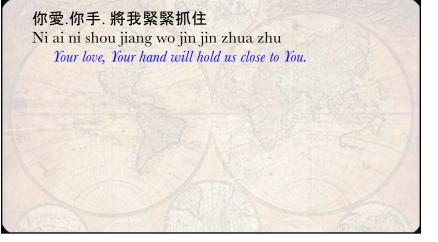


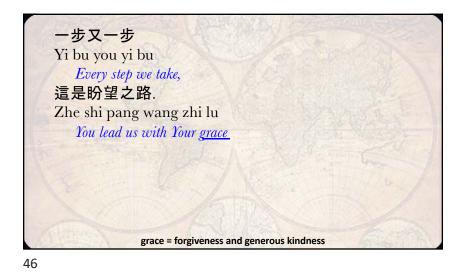


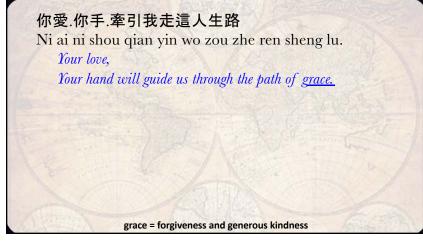


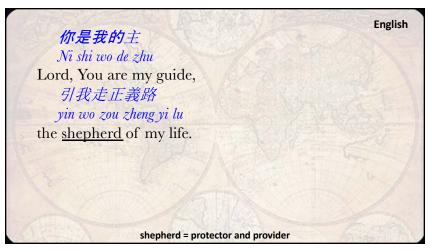




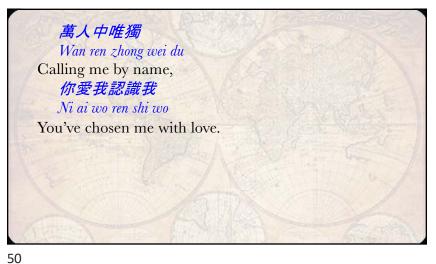


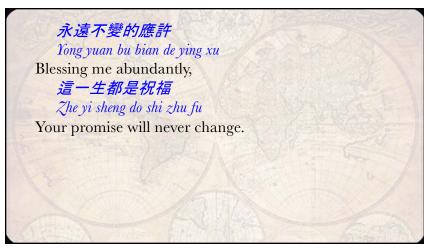






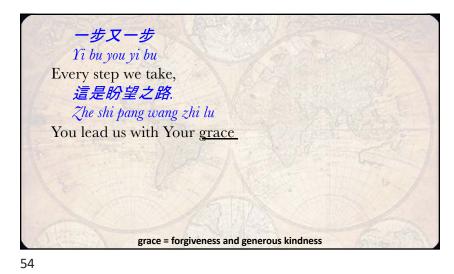


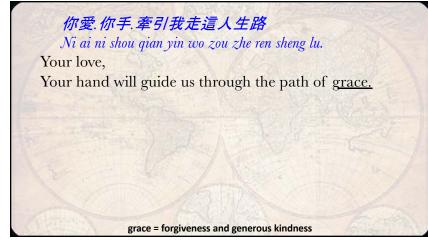


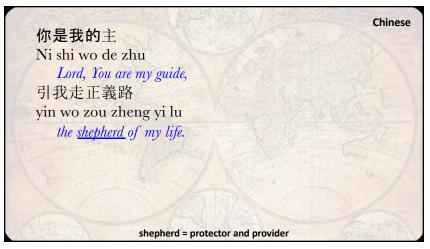


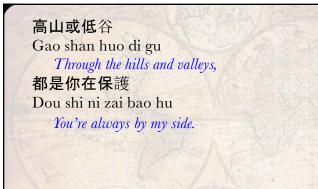




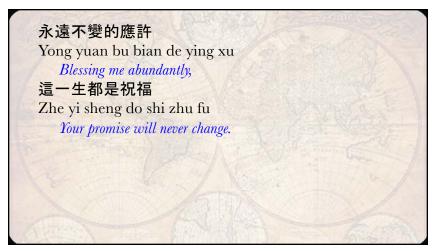






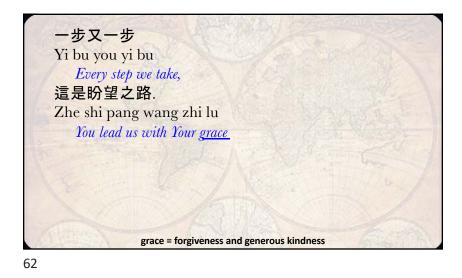






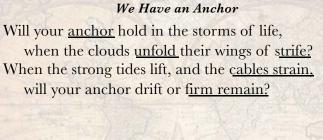




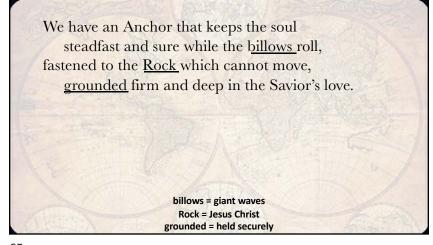








anchor = what provides hope unfold = send out strife = angry disagreement cables strain = connection to anchor that may break firm remain = stay solid

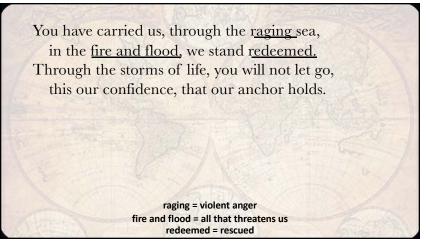


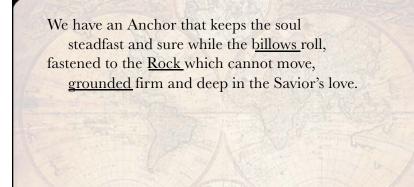
Held secure by faith, in the Savior's hands, <u>shielded</u> by his <u>grace</u>, on Christ we stand.
He is Lord of all, we should never doubt through uncertain times, He is solid ground.

> shielded = protected grace = God's powerful kindness for His people

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We have an Anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the <u>billows</u> roll, fastened to the <u>Rock</u> which cannot move, <u>grounded</u> firm and deep in the Savior's love.





billows = giant waves Rock = Jesus Christ grounded = holds security We have an Anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the <u>billows</u> roll, fastened to the <u>Rock</u> which cannot move, <u>grounded</u> firm and deep in the Savior's love. <u>Grounded</u> firm and deep in the Savior's love.

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Give God thanks:

- that the staff of the Medilodge value the Sunday worship services.
- that Medilodge will soon be open for people to visit and for us to worship with residents.

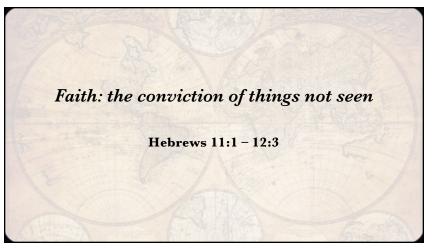
God says:

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4

Please pray the residents will come to know God as the one who sustains them and carries them.

Please pray:

that the details will be worked out for us to return yet this month.
for others to join us in this ministry. (You are always welcome!)



Lord's Supper at Crossway

To guide our celebration of the Lord's Supper, we focus on different emphases of the Gospel each time we celebrate this meal. From these different emphases, our service will be a bit different each month. These parts are:

- The holiness of God
- The reality of sin
- The grace of God to rescue us from our sin
- The call to receive this grace by faith
- The call to respond to grace through mission and action
- The hope of the new heavens and new earth for those in Christ

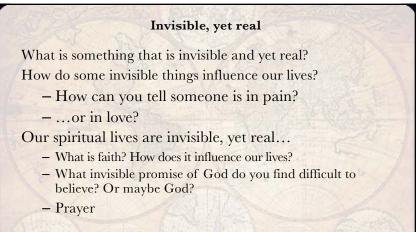
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The Letter to the Hebrews

Unidentified author

Date: about 50 - 70 A.D.

Audience: Jewish Christians (Hebrews) who believe in Jesus, but are in danger of turning away from faith Theme: Christ is 'better' than anything or anyone- even God's priests, rituals, and work in the past—so any reader should hold onto faith and true peace found in Christ



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Why chapter 11?

Hebrews 10:23,39 - "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.... we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."

Hebrews 11 What does it mean to 'live by faith'?

Hebrews 12: 1-2 "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Hebrews 11:1-3

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible

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Hebrews 11:1 - 3 ... What is faith?

Faith is 'seeing' what is invisible, beyond human senses, with certainty. And God applauds it!

Seeing organs: Eyes \rightarrow see visible; Faith \rightarrow 'sees' invisible Sees realities that have no physical evidence, but that are not any less real because of that

No certainty apart from faith; but faith gives genuine certainty

Creation: example of visible things made from invisible God commends faith, ancient and contemporary!

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And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:1 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

Romans 8:24

Hebrews 11:4-7 - The faith of people before the Flood

⁴**By faith Abel** brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Hebrews 11:6

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Two aspects of faith...

Assent to certain truths + trusting in a person

Revelation: God has revealed truths + presented himself Over/underemphasizing either aspect distorts our understanding and experience of salvation

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Themes in Hebrews 11 'seeing' what is invisible - beyond human senses - with certainty assent to certain truths (God's revealed promises) trust in a person (obedience to the call of the one they could not see) delayed gratification: enduring hardship, often society's rejection, in order to be faithful and for the hope of future reward

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Hebrews 11:8-19 - Faith of Abraham and Sarah

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country: he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ And **by faith even Sarah**, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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Hebrews 11:8-19 - Faith of Abraham and Sarah (cont)

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:8-19 - Faith of Abraham and Sarah (cont)

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death

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Hebrews 11:20-22 - Faith of the Patriarchs

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

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Hebrews 11:23-31 - Faith of Moses

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Hebrews 11:21-31 - Faith of Israelites

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Hebrews 11:32-38 - Faith of other servants of God

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Hebrews 11:32-38 - Faith of other servants of God (cont)

³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

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Hebrews 11:39-40 - The Promise of Faith

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 12:1-3 - Faith of Jesus

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Big Idea

Faith is confidence that invisible God and his promises are real and worth following, just like pioneer Jesus, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

... And oh what joyful perfection awaits!

Hebrews 11:39-40

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Awaiting for THE promise ~ fulfilment of God's Messiah restoring the kingdom of God on earth ~ reveals... 'Something better'

Salvation is social. Believers experience salvation only as part of the whole family of God

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Hebrews 12:1-3

- 1 Running with endurance, inspired and unhindered
- 2-3 Concentrating on Jesus
 - Pioneer = led believers in all ages; seen most clearly in the incarnation
 - Perfecter = believed completely
 - Cross = physical pain, emotional/cultural shame
 - Sat down = mission complete; authority restored
 - Consider = carefully calculate Jesus' example when facing trials

Human experience
Discovery/step toward/grow into faith
Question, doubt, hunger and thirst, hope, obey, endure
Satisfaction, joy, shalom, perfection
ing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, uke 22:42
e learned obedience from what he

What if my faith is tiny?

He (Jesus) replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20 Faith is a gift of God: What matters is not 'our' faith but our obedience to the faith gifted to us. That's why Jesus says if you have faith like a mustard seed....

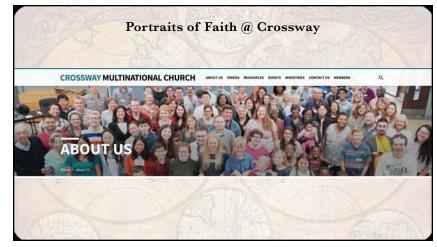
What matters is that we say "yes Lord" with the faith that we have been given, and the rest is miraculous grace.

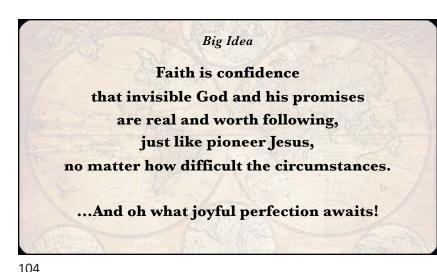
Reflection

Whose faith inspires your faith? How so? How can you honor and celebrate God's work by appreciating that inspiration?

What promise of God do you find difficult to believe? Why so? What or who might nurture your "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"?

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Benediction - Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Prayer of Confession

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in <u>sackcloth and ashes</u>. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws."

Daniel 9:3-5

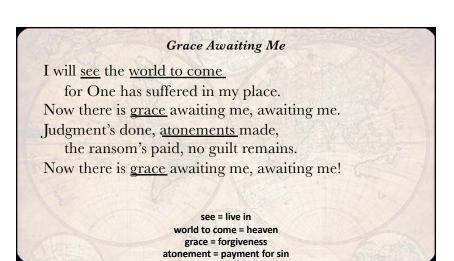
sackcloth and ashes = symbols of grief and mourning

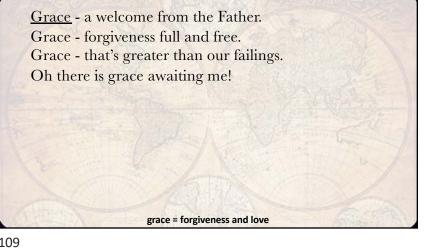
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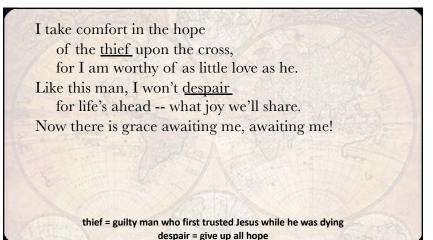
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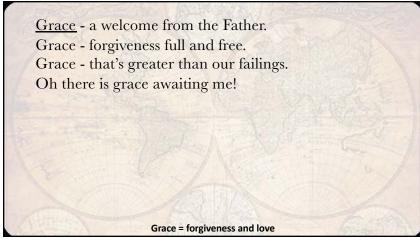
"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

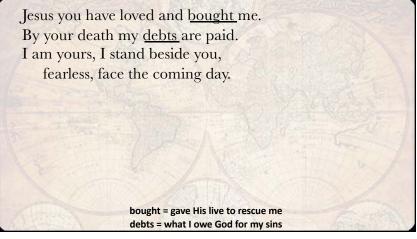
Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ... and since we have a real priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:19-23*











I will <u>see</u> the <u>world to come</u> despite the <u>sin</u> that I have done.
For there is <u>grace</u> awaiting me, awaiting me.
All who call upon the Lord will rise to life with peace assured for there is <u>grace</u> awaiting me, awaiting me.

> see = live in world to come = heaven sin = immoral and unloving words and actions grace = forgiveness and love

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Grace - a welcome from the Father. Grace - forgiveness full and free. Grace - that's greater than our failings. Oh there is grace awaiting me! Oh there is grace awaiting me!

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Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ ... The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "*This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.*" ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "*This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.*" ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord's Supper

Luke 22:19-20

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Here is the Love, Vast as the Ocean

Here is love, <u>vast</u> as the ocean, lovingkindness as the <u>flood</u>, when the <u>Prince of Life</u>, our <u>ransom</u>, <u>shed for us</u> His precious blood.

> vast = extremely large flood = an overwhelming amount Prince of Life = Jesus Christ ransom = price paid to set us free shed his blood = died for us

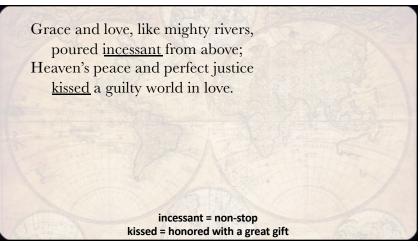
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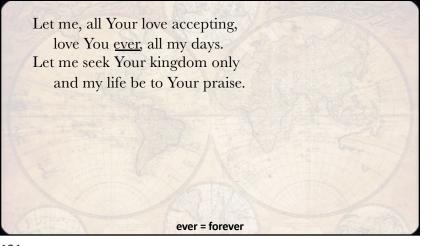
Who His love will not remember? Who can <u>cease</u> to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

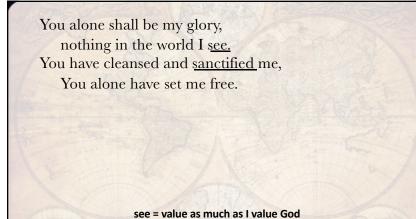
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On the <u>mount of crucifixion</u> <u>fountains</u> opened deep and wide; through the <u>floodgates</u> of God's mercy flowed a <u>vast</u> and gracious <u>tide</u>.

> mount of crucifixion = where Jesus died fountains / floodgates = source of abundant mercy vast = extremely large tide = a powerful surge



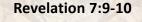




sanctified = made pure and holy

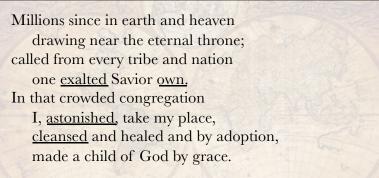
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After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb."



exalted = highly honored own = accept Jesus as one's Savior astonished = surprised and amazed cleansed = washed and released from shame In that crowded congregation I, <u>astonished</u>, take my place, <u>cleansed</u> and healed and by adoption, made a child of God by grace.

> astonished = surprised and amazed cleansed = washed and released from shame

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