



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ~John 3:14-15

I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ~John 6:48-51

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #41

Question: What is the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 9:15-21; 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

Nehemiah 9:15-21

You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

¹⁶ "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. ¹⁷ They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. ¹⁸ Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, ¹⁹ you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. ²⁰ You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. ²¹ Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

1 Corinthians 10:1-14

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *God's Provision Through the Wildernesses*

Outline:

1. We Have Our Own Types of Wilderness But God Provides for Us in the Wilderness, 9:15, 20-21
2. We Rebel Against God But God Amazingly Provides Lavish Grace to Us
 - a. Our Rebellion, Neh. 9:16-17a, 18; God's Grace, 9:17b, 19
3. We Should Use the Themes of Wilderness in Our Prayers
 - a. Thank You that You do provide for and sustain me through my times in the wilderness.
 - b. Christ, please be the spiritual rock that satisfies my thirst in the wilderness.
 - c. Spirit, lead me far from the temptations of evil, idolatry, grumbling.
 - d. Help me to run quickly to You; in You is forgiveness, grace, mercy, and steadfast love.
 - e. God, help me to be faithful; enable me to pursue the newness of life in You.

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, You have given us so much: a very-good creation, covenant promises, strong rescue, and even bread, water, and presence through the Wilderness. But we are often presumptuous, hard-hearted, refusing to obey, even sometimes wanting to go back to our own Egypt. Forgive us.

Father, we ask that You provide for us and sustain us in our current wildernesses. Give us Your good Spirit to direct us (v.20). But we also are in great need for You to renew our gratitude for Your grace without presuming on it as a privilege—that Your steadfast love would lead us in repentance and holiness rather than putting You to the test. May Your mercy work in us humility, faithfulness, endurance to follow You, even in the wilderness.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ. ~1 Corinthians 10:16

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

Additional Sermon Quotes:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ~Romans 6:1-4

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ~Luke 4:1-2

Core Questions:

1. How is the Holy Spirit whispering or shouting to you from this passage? What stands out for you?
2. How does the text intersect or engage your life? Where is the connection or application for you?
3. Where do you find gospel conviction and gospel comfort in this passage? (Gospel = the specific act of Jesus taking your sin and sharing with you his victory.)

Announcements:

- **Kicking Cancer 5K:** Riley Fernandez and her school (Voyager Academy High School) are hosting a 5K to raise awareness and support of those who have battled or are currently battling cancer within their school's community. Follow the link to register or donate to the cause: <https://forms.gle/SybjMuptNKJHqGQ49> For more information, reach out to Riley: rileyfernandez04@gmail.com
- **Renewed Covid Policy: Starts 8/12/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 - To continue our in-person worship and provide for the health of our community, masks are required at all indoor public gatherings starting Thursday, August 12th, 2021.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 - Send a physical check
 - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
 - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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