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Getting Unstuck

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AN EXODUS SERIES

by Pastor Steve Schepeler

Have you ever watched a movie that was so rich and had so many interwoven and connected themes and scenes that each time you watched it, you continued to see something new...and it only made you love the movie more? The book of Exodus is like this. It seems to have a simple and straightforward plotline, but in fact, its messages run so deep, are so multilayered and rich, that years of encountering this book do not exhaust what it has to tell us!

Most basically, the book of Exodus tells two interconnected stories. First is the story of Israel's God rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt as He overpowers Egypt's gods in a vividly displayed contest. The second story is about God leading His newly rescued people to Mt. Sinai where He then gives

them His law; His instructions for experiencing His presence at the tabernacle, how to worship Him, and how to live justly.

While this outline seems basic, these two halves of the book work together to say a number of deeper and complex things. For example, after the first half of the book, one would think that Israel's troubles were over; "Israel has been rescued from their oppressors. Problem solved, right?" The second half of the book demonstrates that Israel had its own deeper problems, even when Pharaoh and his taskmasters were no longer an issue. Repeatedly, Israel struggled to trust and obey their God. In fact, just as God was giving His law to His people after their deliverance from slavery, they were fashioning an idol to worship instead of their

God. In this way, we can relate to the waywardness of Israel who struggled to remain faithful to a faithful God. It wasn't enough to be rescued from Pharaoh and it wasn't enough to be given God's law. There was a deeper issue at root that God needed to deliver Israel from and the same is true for us.

Yet Exodus points forward to hope. In Exodus, God graciously promises to dwell among His people at the tabernacle, which anticipates Jesus, the God-man who would dwell (or tabernacle) with us (John 1:14). But for God to dwell with His people requires that we be holy. How is this possible when we are so sinful and wayward, like Israel? The Passover lambs that were sacrificed to save Israel's firstborn children from death in Exodus anticipate the coming of "the Lamb of God who takes

away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The miraculous daily bread God gave Israel on their journey anticipates Jesus, the bread of life, who sustains us and gives us eternal life (John 6:35). In His sacrificial and miraculous provisions, we see not only God's power over rival gods, but His gracious love for His children.

Exodus shows us that Pharaoh is not the only one with a stubborn heart. And yet it also shows us that our greatest hope is not found within us, but through the true Passover Lamb who would deliver us from our sins.

Join us for this series as we allow God's law to show us our sin and His gospel to show us His grace.



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Pastor Jeff Thompson

Monday 6/22

Pastor Brooks Simpson

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— 2020 — **FISCAL UPDATE**

from Caleb Stamp, Business Director

Even with a tumultuous start to the fiscal year, our church body has continued to give faithfully and supported our community.

In December and January, when we were budgeting for 2020, none of us could have imagined just how much our plans would change in such a short period of time. By the time our fiscal year began on April 1, many of those plans were thrown right out the window. Our focus had to shift from our normal operations and events to figuring out how to engage, connect, and disciple in an environment where meeting together face-to-face wasn't an option.

As we near the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, has our response to this season of crisis effected budget expenditures? The answer is: it's complicated. The COVID-19 situation, coupled with the strategic planning that we're doing with the UnStuck Group, means that we're taking a more responsive approach to our budget management this year. The staff have been evaluating their budgets and expenses to determine areas where they are (or will be) spending less because of canceled in-person events or activities. Our COVID-19 response has also increased spending in areas where additional (or new) needs have arisen, and in

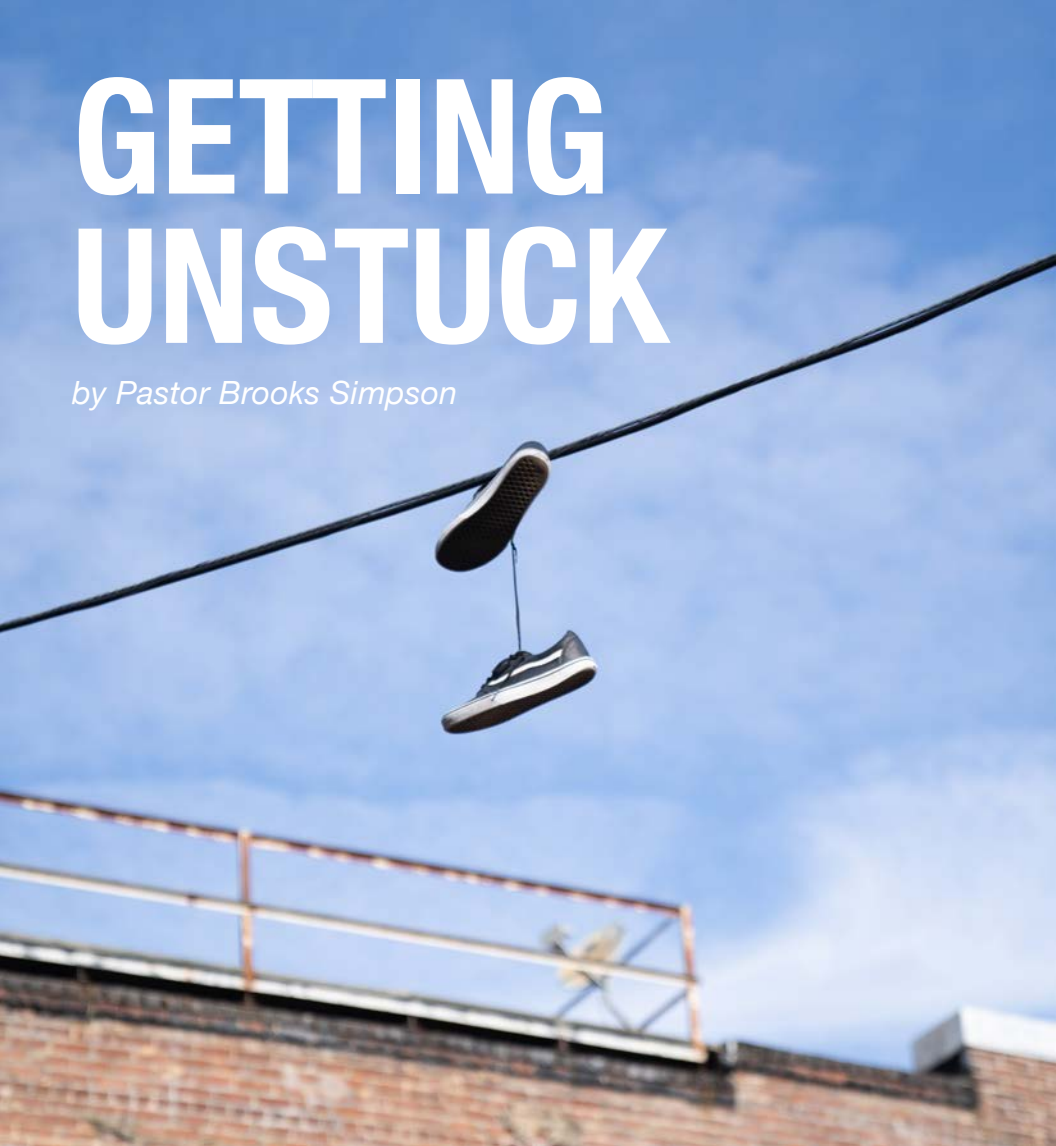
areas where the timing of expenses have changed (shifting earlier or later in the year). The staff, the Financial Review Committee (FRC), and the Elders are using these findings to manage fiscal and budetary planning as we move forward this year.

Throughout this season our spending should ideally stay at or below the offerings and gifts coming from our church body. And here there's good news! The giving and generosity of our church body has been a highlight in this difficult season. Even though we haven't been able to meet together, the giving to our One Fund has stayed steady. On top of that, over the course of our one-week benevolence campaign, the people of Grace gave an additional \$45,000 to help local families in need! There's so much uncertainty in the world right now, and seeing the people of Grace Community continue to trust God with their finances and support the local body of believers is amazing.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. Please be praying for the staff, FRC, and Elders that we would have wisdom and discernment as we adapt our plans and budgets this year.

GETTING UNSTUCK

by Pastor Brooks Simpson



The Backdrop

Grace Community Church desires to be a movement of God, not a monument of man. If you have heard it said from the stage once, you've heard it a hundred times. Jesus builds His church and the gates of hell cannot stand against it. What Jesus describes is a church with

purpose, direction, and power. That's what we desire. As we learned from 1 Thessalonians 5:24, God is faithful and he will surely do it.

(ESV) *He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

God's faithfulness and purpose for His church is clear, but the clarity we seek is not always present when

we consider the day-to-day decisions facing the people of His church. The early church had momentum, God was adding to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Jerusalem church grew to number in the thousands following Pentecost. But then the unstoppable force building in the church suddenly halted. Why? The sheer number of people and their needs changed the dynamic of the church.

In the beginning (Acts 2-5) they were focused on prayer and the preaching of God's word. People were being reached with the gospel and being discipled.

With growth came complexity and instead of an outward focus on reaching people for Christ, they were suddenly consumed with the needs of those within the body of Christ. They had to stop to assess the situation and then retool so they could continue to carry out God's mission.

Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against

the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

² And the twelve summoned the full

number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables." ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out

from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵ And what they

said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid

their hands on them. ⁷

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

At Grace Community Church, we find ourselves in a similar situation. Over the years we have grown and many have come to Christ. As is common in growing churches, the needs of the people

already within the church begin to take precedence over reaching new people for Christ. No one says, "let's turn our

Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

No one says,

"let's turn our focus away from reaching the world for Jesus and instead spend our time meeting the needs of those who already know him,"

but it happens all the time.



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focus away from reaching the world for Jesus and instead spend our time meeting the needs of those who already know him," but it happens all the time. We still want to reach people locally and globally for Jesus, but we find ourselves restrained by the natural outcomes of our growth. More people in the church increases the complexity, which in turn can end up hindering our mission. You yourself have likely experienced this through poor communication, vision drift, and even disunity in our body.

*During this time
we are asking
you to intercede
on our church's
behalf.*

Righting the Ship

Fortunately, like the apostles in Acts 6, God has graciously opened our eyes to see that our current trajectory will not bring about a movement of God. As I shared during service on May 17, we began a one-year process with the Unstuck Group to help us restore our focus on God's vision for our church. This process started in April and includes four major components:

Assessment

Discovering where we are.

Planning

Determining where God wants us to go.

Structure

Determining who should do what.

Action Checkpoint

Are we doing what God has led us to do?

In Acts 6:4 the apostles rightly devoted themselves to prayer and the Word. In the coming months a team composed

of elders and staff will prayerfully seek God's leading for where He wants us to go, and how we should get there. During this time we are asking you to intercede on our church's behalf.

God led the apostles to apply a strategy which allowed them to get back on mission while properly delegating the work to be done. As a result, God was honored and more people came to Christ. That did not happen because the apostles were clever, but because they sought

the will of the Lord. The same thing happened in Acts 13 when the Holy Spirit responded to their prayers by telling the apostles to send Paul and Barnabas out as missionaries. If we are to be a movement of God, you must pray for your leaders. Pray that God would give us HIS vision! Pray also that:

- We would humble ourselves and reject the status quo for its own sake.
- Our ears and eyes would be open to God's priorities for His church.
- God would enlarge our hearts to desire greater things for this community and the world.
- God would reveal specific steps He wants us to take, leading to the fame of His name.
- The Unstuck Group leaders would have wisdom as they facilitate the process.
- God would raise up laborers for the harvest He will bring about in Johnson County.

I expect God to use the prayers of His people to reveal His vision for this church. Thank you for your prayers and thank God for HE WILL SURELY DO IT!

CAN GRIEF BE GOOD?

A Soul Care Snippet

by Aimee Marino



We experience grief as a result of loss: that's no surprise. This could be loss of life, loss of a job, loss of something we hold dear, or loss of something we had hoped for. Right now, we are all grieving the unmet expectations and hopes that shone bright in January and have since dimmed or changed because of coronavirus and its widespread effects.

Some are grieving more than others over different things and in different ways. Loss of life, loss of job, loss of relational closeness, loss of hope... these are NOT good things. In fact, these effects of sin, death and brokenness are things that Jesus Himself came to die for, rise from, and conquer. He came to pay the price of our sin to mend our relationship with

Him, and so that we would no longer be slaves to the sin and brokenness that is the true plague of this world. However, we still see these effects of evil run rampant in our world.

Grief is the proper response when we see things that are not as God created them to be. Grief is when we feel the space between "what is" and "what should be." This is the grief of the Christian, the grief of 1 Thessalonians 4:13: a grief with hope. We know and trust that if we confess and surrender our lives to Him, we are saved by faith, through grace, as a beautiful gift of God (Eph 2:8). He will restore the world to perfection one day, eradicate sin, and those who follow Him will live in paradise with Him forever... but not yet.

Grief with hope is the space between the "already" and "not yet." This grief over broken things in this world can be good only because our God is good, and His promises are sure. This turns us to a longing for Jesus and His kingdom, and this ache for our true Heaven-home is good. We can mourn what God mourns, knowing that He will make it right in His time. However, the way we grieve can either lead us towards God, or away from Him and towards

responses, and how we as believers in Jesus can respond biblically in a way that honors God and leads to healing. We do not experience these in order. We can jump from one thing to another from day to day, or minute to minute. We don't graduate from one stage to the next until we cross the finish line; instead, as we choose to respond biblically moment by moment, our faith is strengthened, and we gradually move towards trust and hope in God Himself.

Typical Grief Response

When your reaction is:

Denial/Isolation
Anger/Resentment
Bargaining/Works
Depression/ Alienation
Regrouping
Deadening
Despairing/Doubting
Digging Cisterns



Biblical Grief Response

Respond instead in faith with:

Candor: Honesty with Myself (Ps.42:3-5)
Complaint: Honesty with God (Ps.73)
Cry: Ask God for Help (Ps 34:17-18)
Comfort: Receive God's Help (Ps 73:26)
Waiting: Trust with Faith (2 Cor. 1:8-10)
Wailing: Groaning with Hope (Phil 1:23-25)
Weaving: Perceiving with Grace (Gen 50:19-20)
Worshipping: Engaging with Love. (1 Peter 1:8)

bitterness, disillusionment, and despair. You may have heard of the "stages of grief" in popular psychology. These provide a description of common ways people experience grief (popularized by Elizabeth Kubler Ross in 1969), and are used in secular psychology today in various forms. While these might be helpful descriptions and observations, they do not give an answer for how to grieve well or how to heal.

For the Christian who grieves with hope, the Bible DOES give answers. Praise God! We can grieve in a way that draws us close to the heart of God and builds our trust of Him even as we mourn. In "God's Healing for Life's Losses," Robert W. Kellermen outlines what the world has observed as typical grief

Do you see yourself in any of the items in the left column? You're not alone! Instead of dwelling there, turn instead to Christ Himself by responding in faith with the corresponding action in the right column. This is easier said than done, and we'll continue to work through these in our online Soul Care Snippets series together.

The process is not the cure, Jesus is. This process can help us grieve with hope as we turn to the true cure, the true comfort, and the source of all healing: Christ Himself.

Join us for more Soul Care Snippets on Grace's Facebook page as we unpack grief's forms and how we can respond in faith to the glory of God!

PRAYING STRATEGICALLY DURING TIMES OF DISASTER

By Josh McIntyre | Grace Field Staff in western Asia

As we watch the COVID-19 pandemic sweep across our world, we have the opportunity to wrestle with the question, “How should we be praying during this time?” Of course, God is pleased with any prayer that expresses true dependence on Him. We can pray for protection for ourselves and our loved ones, for economic provision, for government officials and healthcare workers, and many other things.

Knowing that God is in control [...] how should we pray?

But what things are most on God’s heart during this time? How can we see the world through his eyes? How can we pray strategically, such that we are participating with Him as He is working during this time? Jesus started the Lord’s Prayer with, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” He started off, not by praying for specific requests that He had, but by acknowledging who God is and asking that the purposes on God’s heart would prevail. That’s

strategic prayer!

So then, what are the purposes of God’s heart at this time? The truth is, we don’t know specifically what God is doing. We don’t know if He caused this, if He has chosen in His sovereignty to allow it, or if it is simply the product of living in a broken, sinful world where sickness and death are a fact of life. But we do know that He is in control and that He is working everything out for the purposes of His will.

Knowing that God is in control, that He is at work and that He is working out all things according to the purposes of His will, how should we pray? How can we pray in a “your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” type of way? Fortunately, the scriptures give us some pretty clear ideas of the things that are always on God’s heart. From start to end, the pages of scripture clearly reveal God’s passion to:

1. **Make His glory known**
2. **Purify His people**
3. **Expand His kingdom**

If we want to pray with God’s heart during any disaster, we should start with these themes! Let’s look at each one of them and see how we can use it as a basis for our prayers.

Pray for God’s Glory to be Known

God’s glory is the expression of who He is. We can’t see God, but His glory tells us what He’s like. According to scripture, God’s glory is expressed in many ways that are relevant to us today. For example, in His creation we see the creativity, provision, power and wisdom of God. Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God...” His glory is also expressed in his works, as referred to by David in 1 Chronicles 16:24 – “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.”

Praying Strategically During Times of Disaster

God’s glory is expressed in His character. In Exodus 34:6-7, God declared himself to Moses as

merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, forgiving and just. But most of all, God’s glory is expressed in His Son. Speaking of the coming Messiah, Isaiah 40:5 says, “And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.” John 1:14 says, “The Word became flesh... and we have seen his glory.” And 2 Corinthians 4:6 says, “God...made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

It’s exciting to know that we also can reflect His glory as we live out righteous lives! 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.”

When we pray for God to make His glory known, we are asking God to open the hearts and minds of people – starting with us – to understand His nature and character more clearly!

As you go through each section, take your time. The ideas are for a season of prayer – not just one time. These are just a few ideas – come up with your own as well! Also, look for others to pray with. Praying together over these themes enables God to speak to our hearts and to lead us in our prayers in ways not possible on our own!

PRAYING STRATEGICALLY DURING TIMES OF DISASTER

What might it look like to pray for God's glory to be known on the earth during this present COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters? Here are some ideas:

- Spend time praising God for His creativity, provision, power and wisdom as displayed through His creation. Consider his role in the micro-world of biology as well as in the vast universe. What was this world like before the fall—perfectly created without sin, sickness or death? Ask that God would reveal these aspects of Himself to the nations!
- Review the great works of God from scripture. Remember that many of those works were disasters for at least some of the population (floods, judgments, famines, plagues and amazing military victories or losses). They were disasters that He used to further His purposes. Reflect on His sovereign control over history. Pray that people would recognize God's control over the most powerful military or economic powers. Ask that they would humble themselves and submit to His work through this pandemic, rather than shaking their fists in His face or ignoring His role entirely.

Psalm 30:4-5

⁴*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.*
⁵*For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

- Reflect on the character of God. Praise Him for His lovingkindness, mercy, compassion, patience and forgiveness. Thank Him that His "...anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime" (Psalm 30:5). Pray that, as people lose what they rely on, they would see God as their eternal rock – their firm foundation that can never be lost.
- Focus on how Jesus reflects God's character and nature. Remember, it is our sin that has brought brokenness, sickness, death and disaster on this world. Jesus came to pay the penalty for that sin. Only He can bring complete healing and restoration to the nations. Ask that the name of Jesus would be lifted up and glorified in our world today – that people would recognize that salvation is found in no one else.
- Ask God to shine His light on our hearts – to show us how we can more fully reflect His glory to those around us. Plead for His wisdom on how to respond to others and care for them during these days.

Praying for the Purification of God's People

God has been working through the pages of history to raise up and purify a people for Himself. In Genesis God promised His special blessing to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He reaffirmed that promise to Moses and the people of Israel in Exodus 6:7, saying, "I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God..." And then in Exodus 19:5-6, "If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Similarly, 1 Peter 3:9 says, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Here we see that this kingdom of priests is now the church—the family of believers in Jesus. The problem is that throughout history we have not lived as this

holy nation. The people God have raised up to be a light to the nations, both in the time of the Israelites and now, so often bring shame and disgrace on His name. As God says to his people in Isaiah 52:5 and Romans 2:24, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

When we pray for God to purify his people, we are asking God to make us into that holy nation. As we humble ourselves, confess our sin and respond to his discipline, we are asking God to bring a spirit of repentance and revival on his people, starting with us!

God calls His people to holiness for our own good, for the good of his kingdom, and for the sake of His name. As our loving heavenly father, He faithfully teaches us, disciplines us and calls us to confess and repent of our sin. He enables us to become the people He has called us to be.

What might it look like to pray for God's purification of His people during

this present COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters? Here are some ideas:

- Pray through Psalm 139:23-24, asking God to search our hearts and identify areas of sin.

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- Respond to God as described in II Chronicles 7:13-14. In this passage God stated how He wanted His people to respond when he sent famine, locusts or pestilence (epidemics) on them. He specifically called on them to respond in humility and prayer, to seek his face and to repent (turn) from their wicked ways.
- Use the example of Daniel 9:1-19 to acknowledge and confess our own personal sin and also the sins of our society. Though Daniel himself worked to live a righteous life, he was deeply aware and ashamed of the societal sins of his people that had brought God's judgment on them.
- Reflect on God's discipline of us as described in Hebrews 12:3-11. He disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness! Ask that the church worldwide would be responsive to His discipline – in whatever form it may take.

When we pray for the expansion of God's kingdom, we are sharing His heart to bring salvation to people. We are [...] claiming His promises that this growth will include all nations, and we're asking Him to make that happen!

- Look at what God's Word has to say in James 1:2-4 and I Peter 1:6-7 about facing trials. Pray that, as a local and worldwide church, the testing of our faith would result in purified lives and glory and praise to God as people see the results. Pray that God would make His people a true light to the nations!

Praying for the Expansion of God's Kingdom

In Genesis 12:3, God promised Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed through Him.

When selecting the Israelites to be His people, God's intent from the start was to bring the blessing of salvation to all the families of the earth.

As Abraham and his family believed, God's kingdom began to grow. It continued growing as people of Israel believed, and then it started expanding to the nations. Assyrians

repented in the book of Jonah, and in Daniel, God even used the sin, unbelief and exile of His people to reach Babylonians and Persians! The nature of God's kingdom is to grow. In Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus described his kingdom as a mustard seed. It starts out as just a tiny seed, but in the end it grows into a tree!

God has purposed and promised to bring this growth to every people group. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus tells his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations [...]" Revelation 5:9 specifies that Jesus, by his blood, "[...] ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

What might it look like to pray for the growth of God's kingdom during this present COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters? Here are some ideas:

- Speaking of Jesus, Acts 4:12 says, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Ask that the name of Jesus would be clearly preached at this time. Pray that God would correct falsehoods and wrong beliefs about Jesus and lift up his name as the only means of salvation.
- Review the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven from Matthew 13:31-33. Praise

God that the nature of His kingdom is to grow and that He has the power to make that happen.

- Thank and praise God for His plan and promises for His gospel to include people of all nations. Pray for the fulfillment of those promises!
- Think about the false gods that are being torn down through this disaster. Pray that, as God strips away people's reliance on money, health, independence, etc. during this time, their hearts would turn to Him in repentance.
- Throughout history, God has used disasters to move people geographically, such that the gospel reaches those who have never heard. In addition to the story of Daniel, Acts 8:1-4 is an example of this. Ask God to use geographic circumstances to spread His word at this time.
- Though disasters seem impartial, the truth is that the poor are usually more affected by disasters than the wealthy. Ask God to provide for them through His people and to speak to them in a way that will open up their hearts to the gospel.
- Ask God for ideas about how we as believers can be His instruments during this time by loving and caring for people, as well as by sharing spiritual truth.

Talent Feature

AMANDA ALBERTSEN



Amanda has a heart for the nations, so it's no surprise that when she heard about the opportunity to bless international students, Amanda signed up.

Amanda was matched to extend hospitality to a student from China and joined others from Grace in hosting international students for a Thanksgiving meal. Students were able to learn about the holiday and hear why we still give thanks to God in the midst of suffering. Below, Amanda shares her experience about how she became friends with the international student she was matched with.

I remember in the early Fall of 2019, I was meeting my friend for the first time at the local bubble tea shop. I've previously lived cross-culturally, and currently work with immigrants/refugees every day, so I sensed that my new friend was very nervous to meet me in person—she kept telling me how beautiful I was and how excited she was to meet me. But beyond her laughs and smiles, I knew she was extremely nervous. Not wanting to draw any attention to her nervousness, I began to tell her about my life. It was through me opening up, that I could see her nervousness begin to fade. Over the course of the next few months we frequently spoke over text message, and through our conversations she began to open up—sharing about the stress she felt at school, fears about not being able to return home this summer, and troubles with finding an apartment to rent. Just prior to the pandemic we met up for a local American meal downtown. Over the course of our conversation,

she told me about her impressions of the first time we met—primarily she had felt kindness from me. My friend went on to talk about how much she appreciated me checking in on her, and how patient I had been when she constantly needed to reschedule. As she was sharing all of this, I realized that this is only possible because she is seeing the Father in me. It's through relationships like this one that the Father constantly reminds me of this truth—He has called me to love His nations.

Over the course of this next year 2020-2021, Amanda will continue to follow the Father's calling to love His nations and will be sent by Grace Community Church to take the Gospel to a country where less than .05% of the population knows the love of Jesus. She will be partnering with a sending organization to bring the gospel to the unreached people of Japan. Right now, Amanda needs a team from Grace to come around her in financial support and prayer. Please prayerfully consider being one of these partners.

To know more about Amanda's story, Japan, or ways you can get involved (e.g. prayer support, giving, newsletters) please email Amanda at sprawlingroots20@gmail.com and to find out how you can welcome the nations locally, please email our Community Outreach Coordinator (Wade Summers) at wades@graceb3.org.



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