

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

September 28, 2025

The Faith Process



Many times, when we read the scriptures, we are encouraged by the many successes of a variety of Bible characters. We are encouraged by their strong faith and acts of heroism. Their interactions with God are many times coveted. Because these acts of heroism encourage us it may seem implicitly implied that they were perfect. However, even though Abraham was called righteous by God, he had several failures. Of the many is the story of Hagar. Elijah, a man revered by all those around him deserted God because of the wickedness of Jezebel. David, a person that was declared to be ‘a man after God’s own heart,’ one of his many failures, Bathsheba. Paul crystalizes this well when he said, ‘.....for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.’ (Romans 7:15; NASB) “.....For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.” (Rom 7:19-20; NASB) “.....Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?” (Rom 7:24-25; NASB) John writes; “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us” (1 John 1:8-10; NASB)

Being a person of faith is to bear in mind our growth is a process that God is aware of and is committed to work out (Phil. 1:6). It is a process of guiding us to be less self-reliant (Luke 14:25-27; John 12:23-26) by renewing our minds (Romans 12:2), accept the Spirit's conviction when we sin (John 16:7-11), trust the Word to be comprehensive (2 Peter 1:3-4) about all life issues so that the Holy Spirit who is fully deposited in us (Tit. 3:4-8) is ignited in our obedience (Hebrews 5:11-14). When we become drunk with the Spirit (Eph. 5:15-18) we are able ‘to work out our salvation in fear and trembling because of He who is within us – the Holy Spirit.’ (Phil. 2:12-13). Our victory is not in what we achieve, it is learning to walk in what the Lord has accomplished for us (Romans 8:28, 31-39).

This is what we find in the spiritual development of Abraham whose faith became so refined he would raise the knife to kill Issac or Paul who would later say; “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.” (Gal. 2:20-21; NASB)

We are not expected to run perfect races. What the Lord expects is for us to keep our eyes on Him by practicing His word each day (Hebrews 12:1-3).

UPCOMING Events



LEGACY YOUTH PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS
Legacy Youth Parents and/or Volunteers, join us TODAY after service for a meeting! We'll discuss new volunteer opportunities and how you can be involved. Please contact Brandon Crenshaw for more information.



CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
Center for Christian Living continues this Tuesday at 12PM and 7PM. Join Pastor Rene Manago at 12PM as he discusses “Building Relationships We’ve Broken” and 7PM there will be a panel discussion, please come with your questions ready! For more information, contact Keron Brown at keron.brown@lwfellowshipchurch.org.



WOMEN OF GRACE STEP CHALLENGE
Download the Step Up App and join the Women of Grace Group! The challenge starts TODAY and ends Nov.1st . Contact the women’s ministry at wog77088@gmail.com for more information.



HARVEST FESTIVAL
Harvest Fest is quickly approaching and we need your help! Dontae individually wrapped candy and drop off your donations to the Children’s Wing. Please contact Mrs. Sylvia Edwards for more information



ABC WORD ACADEMY PRESCHOOL FALL SPECIAL
The Texas Rising Star 4-Star Accredited ABC Word Academy is having a Fall Pres-School Special starting now with a \$60 Registration Fee, discounts are available for siblings and LWFC members. For more information, call (281)-445-9673.




ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Announcements
- Song
- Communion
- Praise & Worship
- Visitor’s Welcome
- Worship In Giving
Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses
- Special Music
- The Word of God
“Come and See”
John 1:35-42
Dr. Paul Cannings, D. Phil

Sermon notes available online at lwfellowshipchurch.org
Click on the “Media” tab and click “Sermon Outline”

- Call to Discipleship
Please remain seated at this time
- Benediction & Closing Song



Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children’s wing.

Infants—6th grade



MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL

2 3 4 & TUESDAY NIGHTS

SUNDAY 7:30 PM


Come and See John 1:35-42 Dr. Paul Cannings

- A. Are We Ready? (vs. 35-36):
- B. We Are Invited (vs. 37-38):
- C. It's a New Day (vs. 40-42):

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**Center for
Christian Living Survey**
We Want to Hear From You!



CFCL Discussions are designed with the congregation in mind. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey via the QR Code so that we may best serve you in the sessions to come.

WALK IN THE LIGHT
Step Challenge
Sep 28- Nov1

We will end the challenge by walking together Nov 1 at 9am at TC Jester Park.

To Join Us
1. Download the "StepUp" App
2. Scan the QR Code Above to Join Our Group: "Women of Grace"

"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Leatrice Sam & family, the family of Clarence Coleman, Gloria Franklin & family, Marcia Anderson & family, the family of Eunice Johnson, and Markeith Hicks & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Elizabeth Bean, Patsy Gatterson, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Cheryl Walker, Walter Banks, Sheryle Crowe, Arnie Glover, Diana Doyle, Shannon Rice, Freddie Reid, Yolanda Barnes, Rochelle Carter Brown, Terrance Ford, Robert Edwards, Jessie Austin, Evelyn Harvey, Shinell Clark, Elsie Starks, Ruth Cranford, Eugene Reese, Donna Ross, and Sylvia Edwards.

COME & SEE

John 1:35 - 42

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