



# GRACE

CHURCH SEATTLE

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MAKING DISCIPLES. SERVING THE CITY.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, 4 November, 10:30 am

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## ACTS: LIVING GOD'S MISSION

*For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.*

- Jesus

Being a Christian isn't ultimately about self-preservation. It's not ultimately about knowing that you're going to heaven when you die. Instead, being a Christian is about joining God in what he is doing in the world. It means making God's mission the central part of your life.

This profoundly challenges our deeply engrained notions of autonomy. We fear that if we let someone else (even God!) direct our lives, we will ultimately be crushed.

However, take a closer look at Jesus' statement. He promises us if we lose ourselves in God's mission, we will actually find ourselves. God's mission is the larger story that we are created to inhabit. And, when we begin to align ourselves with God's work in the world, we actually begin to experience a harmony and fulfillment that we will not find anywhere else.

This year, we will be immersing ourselves in the Book of Acts. As we do this, we will be asking ourselves the question:

*How are we being called to live God's mission?*

Join us as we place ourselves in God's story and see where that adventure leads.

### Let us worship!

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 am Sundays.

Meeting in the Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist church building (1300 E Aloha St).

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Meeting throughout the Seattle metropolitan area.

Information is available in the back section and on our website ([www.graceseattle.org](http://www.graceseattle.org)).

#### NURSERY

Available for 6 months to 2 years during Christian Formation Hour and the worship service.

Located in the Chapel, next to the Sanctuary (upstairs).

#### GRACE KIDS

Christian Formation Classes (9:30-10:15am)

(2-3 years) Room 117

(4-5 years) Room 119

(5-7 years) Room 103

(7-8 years) Room 110

(8-10 years) Room 218

(10-12 years) Room 217

During Worship Service (10:30-12pm)

(2-3 years) Room 117

(4-5 years) Room 119

(Preparing for Communion) Room 103

*\*during sermon only*

*\*alternative space during sermon for 5-8 years old suspended for the duration of communicants class*

## FOR REFLECTION

There is no God, no universe, no human race, no earthly life, no heaven, no hell. It is all a dream--a grotesque and foolish dream. Nothing exists but you, and you are but a thought, a useless thought, a homeless thought, wandering forlorn among the empty eternities.

-- Mark Twain

Cynicism is a curling up of the soul in self-protection to guard an individual from the pain of disappointment.

-- Dick Keyes, *Seeing Through Cynicism*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

-- Hebrews 11:1

People who have come to know the joy of God do not deny the darkness, but they choose not to live in it. They claim that the light that shines in the darkness can be trusted more than the darkness itself, and that a little bit of light can dispel a lot of darkness.

-- Henri Nouwen

GRACE CHURCH SEATTLE  
 SUNDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2012  
 THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STANDING

*Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Adapted from Psalm 89*

O LORD God of hosts,  
 who is mighty as you are, O LORD,  
 with your faithfulness all around you?  
 You have a mighty arm;  
 strong is your hand, high your right hand.  
 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
 steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

*Text in **bold italics** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders.*

***Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
 who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
 who exult in your name all the day  
 and in your righteousness are exalted.***

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

*Anonymous*

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:  
 and all the twin - kling star - ry host:  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I ho - nor, thou,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pu - rer who  
 Je - sus shines brigh - ter, Je - sus shines pu - rer than  
 Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 and for - e - ver - more be thine.

*“Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.*

## LECTIO SACRA

*Isaiah 61:1-7*

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;  
but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;  
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,  
and in their glory you shall boast.  
Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.

The Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

*Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.*

## INTERLUDE

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me their sins against God and their neighbor.

***Father in heaven,  
every word of yours proves true.  
Your promises are true.  
Your commandments are life-giving and wise.  
Forgive us for the times we have not believed your words—  
when we have lived as orphans  
though you have called us your children;  
when we have ignored your commands  
though you have given us your good laws.  
Forgive us and cleanse us.***

***Through your Spirit,  
give us a stronger and more steadfast trust in you.***

*(You are invited to personalize your confession as you pray silently.)*

**RECEIVING OF GRACE**

And I am sure of this:

that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

***In Christ, God has forgiven us.  
God is renewing us.  
God will receive us. Amen.***

*Confession of sin happens  
within the context of  
relationship, both with God  
and each other. We confess  
together, in community,  
before a gracious God who  
has given us himself.  
Confession both  
acknowledges our need for  
mercy and celebrates its  
abundance in Christ.*

# HYMN OF MERCY

Charles Wesley, 1740

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Bobby Krier & Justin Ruddy

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1. Christ, whose glor-y fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on-ly Light,  
Sun of Righ-teous ness, a rise, — tri-umph o-ver shades of night. —

2. Day-spring from on high, be near. Day-star in my heart ap pear.  
3. Joy - less is the days re turn, till Thy mer-cy beams I see,  
Dark and cheer-less is — the morn, — un - a - ccom - pa - nied by Thee;  
till they in - ward light im part, — glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

{ Refrain }

— But the Son he shines, at the Fa-ther's side, and in the dark - ness, he is —  
— And the God with us, by his Spir - it; com-for-ter and friend, com-for-ter and friend.

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friend. Vi-sit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of  
sin and grief. Fill me, Ra - di - ance di - vine, —  
4 (2nd time back to Refrain)

sca - tter all my un - be - lief. (And the)

## PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

***I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.***

*Praying through the Psalms  
each week teaches us how  
to pray, using the prayer  
book of ancient Israel.  
As we pray, there will be  
pauses for reflection.*

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

***who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.***

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

***The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.***

The LORD watches over the sojourners;

***he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!***



**Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**  
 Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life.

Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**  
 Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief**  
 Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

STANDING

HYMN OF ADORATION

Praise To The Lord

Joachim Neander 1680, "Lobe den Herren" 1665

SEATED

Guest Preacher: Jason Davison

It is a great privilege to have Jason Davison preaching to us today. Jason and his wife, Foxy, have their hands full raising their children, loving their neighbors, and planting Jubilee Church in the Central District.

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 4:18-21; 18:1-8, 35-43 (see back page for text)

Reverend Jason Davison

Preparing for Communion (Room 103) \*Children and parents

\*alternative space during sermon for 5-8 years old suspended for the duration of communicants class

## INTERLUDE

### OFFERING

*The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church Seattle to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. Please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your comment card in the offering basket.*

STAND, SIT, OR KNEEL

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

you are the God who brings Jubilee because you are our Jubilee.

You bring release to prisoners because you are the great emancipator.

You bind up the brokenhearted because you are the great physician.

You give sight to the blind because you are the light of the world.

***We need your presence.***

***Our city needs your presence.***

We pray for release...

***From addictions, anger, greed, guilt, shame, anxiety, and disease.***

*(silent prayer)*

Lord in your mercy,

***Dwell with us.***

We pray for restoration...

***For the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, and the lonely.***

*(silent prayer)*

Lord in your mercy,

***Dwell with us.***

We pray for Christ's return...

***When you wipe away every last tear and the leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations.***

Lord in your mercy,

***Dwell with us. Amen.***

*Each week, we pray for the people around us and in the world as a way to serve them according to God's will. You are welcome to sit, stand, or kneel as we pray. If you have children, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray.*

## HYMN OF ADORATION

## Be My Treasure, Precious Jesus

Gabriel St. John

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1. Re -  
2. Fear

lease me from this burd - en, bey - ond my wealth, help  
not my flock, says the Lord, no thief can steal, no

me to see and know it's your good  
moth de - stroy, your ri - ches stored in

plea - sure to give your king - dom un - to  
hea - ven ne - ver fail - ing gi - ven with

me, that where my treas - ure re - sides,  
joy. Hoard not, then, your af - fect - ion,

so there my heart will al - so be.  
and to the weak your strength em - ploy.

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Be my treas - ure, pre - cious Je - sus,  
price - less gift that ne - ver grows old.

Be my treas - ure, tran - scen - dent  
Fa - ther, a - bove all I have, to

(repeat chorus last time) 1. 2.  
you I'll hold. (Fear)

2. 7

De - li - ver, de - liv - er my  
hea - rt from its wor - ries. De - scend - ing, de - scend - ing, your  
Spir - it is my peace. Lord o - pen, Lord o - pen my  
hands to give with love. (after repeat, go to chorus)

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

### Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

## STANDING

## HYMN OF BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the  
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir - it be with  
you all. A - men.  
A - men, A - men, A - men.  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in either the wine (larger cup) or grape juice (smaller cup) on the table, then proceed through the line.

## SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Morning coffee and refreshments** in the lobby after the service—please join us!

**Grace community service project** at Operation Nightwatch senior housing Saturday, 8 December 10am-2pm. Join us as we will do some cleaning, decorate the apartment building for Christmas, bake cookies, and provide lunch. We will also have plenty of time to hang out with residents!

Contact: Coleen Marta ([coleenmarta@yahoo.com](mailto:coleenmarta@yahoo.com))

**Women's Retreat** 18-20 Jan. 2013 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. More details to come!

Contact: Erika Schuyler ([erikaschuyler@gmail.com](mailto:erikaschuyler@gmail.com))

See our full events calendar at [www.graceseattle.org/calendar/list](http://www.graceseattle.org/calendar/list)

Connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/graceseattle](http://www.facebook.com/graceseattle)



## DIACONATE

Grace's Deacons provide care for the needs of the church community.

Contact: [deacons@graceseattle.org](mailto:deacons@graceseattle.org)

## PARENTS' EMAIL LIST

Connect with other parents and share resources and requests.

Group email: [graceparents@googlegroups.com](mailto:graceparents@googlegroups.com)

Contact: Linn Haralson ([linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org)) or Karissa Taylor ([karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com))

## BOOK CLUB

We've been reading fiction books off *The New York Times* Best Seller list, discussing themes, worldviews, and critiques. Future brunches (Saturdays, 10:30 am @ 8231 Densmore Ave N) and discussions:

- 17 November: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
- 12 January: *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel (*Wolf Hall* sequel)

Group email: [seattlebookgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:seattlebookgroup@googlegroups.com)

Contact: Amy Grooms ([amy@graceseattle.org](mailto:amy@graceseattle.org)) to RSVP or for information

## INTRODUCTION TO GRACE CHURCH SEATTLE

A periodic course for learning more about our ministry and philosophy.

Contact: Michael Subracko ([michael@graceseattle.org](mailto:michael@graceseattle.org))

## GIVING

Tired of carrying your checkbook to church? We can receive automatic contributions from most banks. This is a convenient way to make regular contributions to the church on the days of the month you specify—many already give by this method. If you'd like help getting set up. ([office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org), 206.709.4432).

## REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF)

Our denomination's college ministry, has weekly large group meetings at the University of Washington with worship, teaching, and fellowship, as well as small groups and many events. If you're a student in Seattle, come join us!

Website: [www.uw.ruf.org](http://www.uw.ruf.org)



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation fosters the holistic pursuit of faithful Christian living by cultivating the image of Christ in us as men, women, children, parents, workers, artists, neighbors, and every other area of life we occupy. For more information about Christian Formation, email Michael Subracko ([michael@graceseattle.org](mailto:michael@graceseattle.org)).

### Christian Foundations 1

*Instructors:* Wendy Alsup, John Haralson, & Michael Subracko

*When:* Sunday, 9:30-10:30 am

*Where:* Fellowship Hall

*Description:* Some people are passionate for theology. Others are passionate for practical social issues. However, the Biblical narrative calls Christians to know theology in order to be empowered and inspired to practical action, both personally and community wide. This class will explore the theological concepts of scripture, the story of redemption, the covenants, the trinity, and their practical implications in living faithfully present lives in 21st century Seattle. Christian Foundations 1 is a helpful class whether you are a questioning skeptic, a brand new Christian, or someone who has been following Jesus for years.

**Prayer Gathering** every Sunday starting at 9:30 am in room 102 (at the bottom of the front stairs directly under the chapel). This is a great time of community building to pray for God's glory and leading, growth in our church body, the city, and personal prayer requests.

*Contact:* Dan Huie ([dan@graceseattle.org](mailto:dan@graceseattle.org))

### Gospel of Luke (women only)

*Instructor/Contact:* Linn Haralson ([linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org)) (206.718.3982)

Women's Bible study on the book of Luke, running through to end of year and will continue next year as well.

*Two class options:* *Tuesday mornings:* 9:30am to 11:30am at the home of Linn Haralson, 2414 E. Aloha St. 98112. Childcare is provided for this class. Suggested donation \$5 a family per class for those using the childcare.

*Wednesday mornings:* 6:30am to 8:00am at the church office, 1406 10th Ave, Suite 102 98112. Childcare is not offered for this class. Babes in arms are welcome. Street Parking is free until 8am.

## GRACE KIDS

Grace Kids exists to cultivate the love of God in the lives and hearts of all children that encounter Grace Church Seattle. Currently, Graces Kids offers a full range of classes during Christian Formation Hour (9:30-10:15).

*When:* Every Sunday

*Where:* See the inside front cover for class location

*Contact:* Heidi Hansen ([heidi@graceseattle.org](mailto:heidi@graceseattle.org))

## SERMONS

**Recent sermons** are available online for listening or download at our website.

*Address:* [www.graceseattle.org/sermons](http://www.graceseattle.org/sermons)

**Free CDs** of today's sermon available on the Information Cart in the lobby after the service—for yourself or to share with a friend!



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## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Grace Kids:** We have an enormous population of amazing kids in our church and they need caring people to serve them in a variety of roles.

*Current needs:*

- Nursery staff to care of kids 6 months to 2 years old during Christian Formation and worship service
- General volunteers for rotation in all classes

*Contact:* Heidi Hansen ([heidi@graceseattle.org](mailto:heidi@graceseattle.org))

**Hospitality:** Help create an atmosphere of welcome on Sunday mornings with coffee and treats, as well as planning and hosting lunches, picnics, and dinners where people can make deeper connections.

*Contact:* Linn Haralson ([linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org))

**Meals Ministry** serves Grace community members with food delivery in case of short-term needs, such as injuries, illnesses, and new children. Volunteers are added to an email list and asked to serve as they are able when needs arise.

*Contact:* Sara Huey ([meals@graceseattle.org](mailto:meals@graceseattle.org)) to volunteer

**Sound assistance needed!** Are you the “gadget person” around the house? Ever had an interest in recording and mixing live music? Grace is in immediate need of more people to help bolster our sound techs team! No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to learn.

*Contact:* Jess Alldredge ([jess@graceseattle.org](mailto:jess@graceseattle.org))

**Music:** Exercise your musical gifts in our worship services.

*Contact:* Jess Alldredge ([jess@graceseattle.org](mailto:jess@graceseattle.org))

**Worship Service Volunteers:** Greet and usher, read scripture, or help serve communion.

*Contact:* Jess Alldredge ([jess@graceseattle.org](mailto:jess@graceseattle.org))





## IN SEATTLE

*For more information on serving in Seattle, contact John Haralson ([john@graceseattle.org](mailto:john@graceseattle.org)).*

**Operation Nightwatch:** Join the group from Grace that cooks and serves dinner on the third Wednesday of each month (7:00-10:00 pm) for non-housed and low-income people at the Operation Nightwatch Dispatch Center in the International District.

*Contact: Coleen Marta ([coleenmarta@yahoo.com](mailto:coleenmarta@yahoo.com))*

*Website: [www.seattlenightwatch.org](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org)*

**Penny's Place:** A ministry of Northwest Family Life, Penny's Place is a shelter for abused women and children.

*Contact: Hope Brian ([baldwin.hope@gmail.com](mailto:baldwin.hope@gmail.com))*

*Website: [www.pennysplace.info](http://www.pennysplace.info)*

**Reformed University Fellowship (RUF),** our denomination's college ministry, has weekly large group meetings at the University of Washington with worship, teaching, and fellowship, as well as small groups and many events.

*Contact: Katie Tracy ([katie.tracy@ruf.org](mailto:katie.tracy@ruf.org))*

*Website: [uw.ruf.org](http://uw.ruf.org)*

## IN OUR WORLD

*For more information on serving in our world, contact Abby St. Hilaire ([abby@graceseattle.org](mailto:abby@graceseattle.org)).*

**Hospitable Heart for China?** Have you ever been touched by hospitality? China's scholars are in our midst and eager to connect. One way to show hospitality is by providing a friendly homestay environment for a student or research scholar coming to the University of Washington this fall (homestays are typically for 7-10 days).

*Contact: Heidi Schuler ([nihaoheidi@gmail.com](mailto:nihaoheidi@gmail.com)), Campus Ministry Staff, China Outreach Ministries—for more information or to receive updates on other ways to show hospitality to Chinese students at UW*

*Website: [chinattle.blogspot.com](http://chinattle.blogspot.com)*

**Sponsor an Akha child:** The Akha Youth Development Center provides housing and education to help young people escape the sex and drug trades in Thailand. You can support a child for \$40/month.

*Contact: Michael Subracko ([michael@graceseattle.org](mailto:michael@graceseattle.org))*

# S E R M O N T E X T

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[18] “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
[19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

[20] And he rolled up the scroll and gave it  
back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes  
of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. [21] And  
he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture  
has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

[18:1] And he told them a parable to the effect  
that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.  
[2] He said, “In a certain city there was a judge  
who neither feared God nor respected man.  
[3] And there was a widow in that city who kept  
coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice  
against my adversary.’ [4] For a while he refused,  
but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither  
fear God nor respect man, [5] yet because this  
widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice,  
so that she will not beat me down by her continual  
coming.’” [6] And the Lord said, “Hear what the  
unrighteous judge says. [7] And will not God give  
justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?  
Will he delay long over them? [8] I tell you, he will  
give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when  
the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

[35] As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was  
sitting by the roadside begging. [36] And hearing a  
crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.  
[37] They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing  
by.” [38] And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David,  
have mercy on me!” [39] And those who were in  
front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he  
cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy  
on me!” [40] And Jesus stopped and commanded  
him to be brought to him. And when he came  
near, he asked him, [41] “What do you want me to  
do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my  
sight.” [42] And Jesus said to him, “Recover your  
sight; your faith has made you well.” [43] And  
immediately he recovered his sight and followed  
him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they  
saw it, gave praise to God.

*(Luke 4:18-21; Luke 18:1-8, 35-43)*



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