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Who is Jesus? More than Enough

Free Grace Presbyterian Church

SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Jesus' question ought to have startled them into thinking that there might be more to the kingdom of God and the powers of Jesus than they had yet realized. Instead of that, the highest their thoughts could rise to was the possibility of going to the nearest merchants (wholesalers, of course) and of buying the necessary quantity of food."

David Gooding
Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Greek, Queen's University Belfast

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

The disciples were forgetting that they had a God, not remembering his power to provide... Yet by now they should have learned to expect the unexpected from Jesus, and to ask for his help whenever things were humanly impossible.

Phillip Graham Ryken
Theologian and Pastor of 10th Presbyterian Church

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

The heart of man can never be satisfied with the things of this world. It is always empty, and hungry and thirsty and dissatisfied, till it come to Christ.

J.C. Ryle
19th century Anglican Bishop

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

Yesterday, God helped me,
today He'll do the same.
How long will this continue?
Forever praise his name.

Anonymous

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Isaiah 55

People: **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Psalms 95

We come to God who provides us with the rich food of his presence

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
3. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of
4. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
gold - en crowns a-round the glass - y sea; cher-u - bim and ser-a-phem
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
fall - ing down be - fore thee, who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

And one called to another and said:
'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'
Isaiah 6

"My Maker and My King"

My Ma - ker and my King, to thee my all I owe; thy
 The crea - ture of thy hand, on thee a - lone I live; my
 Lord, what can I im - part when all is thine be - fore? Thy
 O let thy grace in - spire my soul with strength di - vine; let

3 D C Em D C
 sover - eign boun - ty is the spring whence all my bless - ings flow; thy
 God, thy ben - e - fits de - mand more praise than I can give; my
 love de - mands a thank - ful heart, the gift, a - las! how poor, thy
 ev - 'ry word and each de - sire and all my days be thine; let

5 D Em C D
 sover - eign boun - ty is the spring whence all my bless - ings
 God, thy ben - e - fits de - mand more praise than I can
 love de - mands a thank - ful heart, the gift, a - las! how
 ev - 'ry word and each de - sire and all my days be

7 G Bm Em Cmaj7 G
 flow.
 give.
 poor.
 thine.

Oh come, let us
 worship and bow
 down;
 let us kneel before
 the LORD, our
 Maker!
 Psalm 95

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God declares we must stop trusting in what we offer to save ourselves

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy."

Hosea 14

We confess that we try to save ourselves and are worn thin in doing so

Father in heaven, we have not done what is right and good. We have not sought you. We have turned from you to our own ways and so fall far, far short of your glory. We need to be forgiven.

We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.

Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed.

Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us for looking to the good you have done within us as the payment of our hands for salvation. Forgive us, not for our name's sake, but for your name's sake, that you will be glorified as your grace is made perfect in our weakness through Jesus Christ. This we ask in his name. Amen.

We use this time in God's presence to confess our sins and our need for God's grace, silently, personally, before him alone. We invite you to join us in sorrow over your sin and joy in his grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

The prodigal son was resolved to come, yet he was half afraid. But we read that his father ran. Slow are the steps of repentance, but swift are the feet of forgiveness. God can run where we can scarcely limp, and if we are limping toward him, he will run toward us. Though the father was out of breath, he was not out of love.

Charles Spurgeon

God assures that Christ offers himself to satisfy our deepest need

[Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9
Hebrews 7

We cease from our toiling, resting in the assurance of pardon

"Before the Throne of God Above"



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less Right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who e - ver lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my
 ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of



me. My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grace! One with him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his



heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my

Last time: *DS al fine*



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 me, to look on him and par - don me.
 God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

If we confess our
 sins, he is faithful
 and just to forgive
 us our sins and to
 cleanse us from all
 unrighteousness.

1 John 1

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GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

Luke 9:10-17

[10] On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. [11] When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. [12] Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." [13] But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." [14] For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." [15] And they did so, and had them all sit down. [16] And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. [17] And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Adam Lee

Who is Jesus? More than Enough

That You May Be Certain

Intro:

Jesus is more than enough:

1) **When weariness and grief weight us down (v10)**

2) **When our plans are overturned (v11-12)**

3) **When the needs exceed our abilities (v13-14)**

Conclusion (v15-17, John 6:35)

We come to Jesus, the bread of life who strengthen us in our weakness

"Come, Ye Sinners"

You keep him in
perfect peace
whose mind is
stayed on you,
because he trusts
in you.
Isaiah 26



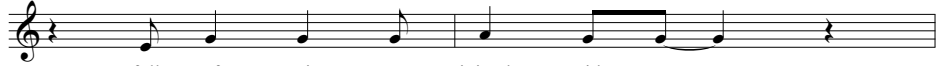
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come,
3. Come, ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,
5. Lo! the in - car - nate God, a - scend - ed,



weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;
God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
pleads the mer - it of his blood;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
all the fit - ness he re - qui - res
ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with power.
ev - r'y grace that brings you nigh.
you will ne - ver come at all.
is to feel your need of him.
let no oth - er trust in - trude.



He is a - ble, he is a - ble,
With - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey,
Not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous;
This he gives you, this he gives you,
None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus



he come is will - ing; doubt no more.
to Je - sus Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
can do help - less sin - ners good.

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

We celebrate the Lord's supper, receiving the bread of life

We celebrate God's free grace to us in Jesus Christ by observing the Lord's Supper each Sunday. We invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized followers of Jesus Christ under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to one of the elders after the service.

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)"



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
drink and re-mem-ber; He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Let us consider, then, that this sacrament is a singular medicine for all poor sick creatures, a comfortable help to weak souls, and that our Lord requires no other worthiness on our part, but that we unfeignedly acknowledge our naughtiness and imperfection.

John Calvin

We profess together, that we must bring our needs to Christ in prayer

Westminster
Larger Catechism
Question 178

Leader: What is prayer?

People: **Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.**

Question 180

Leader: For what things are we to pray?

People: **We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.**

Question 184

Leader: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

People: **To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.**

Prayer...is the means by which an empty soul that has been touched by Jesus Christ can be thrust beneath the life-giving fountain of God's grace, can bask in God's goodness, and can be supernaturally refreshed for life's task. Prayer is the Christian's antidote for anxiety.

James Montgomery
Boice

In prayer, we bring our weariness, grief, disappointments and desires to God

*During this time we live in faith, trusting in the power of his grace,
placing our lives and our church in his hands.*

We ask that he would work in us and through us for his glory.

GOD SENDS US BY HIS GRACE

We depart, satisfied in Christ who is enough

"Jesus, I am Resting, Resting"



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing, in the joy of what thou art;
2. O, how great thy lov - ing kind - ness: vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me, as I work and wait for thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
O, how mar - ve - lous thy good - ness, lav - ished all on me!
and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart.
rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark sha - dows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
Yes, I rest in thee, be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine;
Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need;
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



for by thy trans - form - ing po - wer, thou hast made me whole.
know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it mine.
com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; thine is love in - deed!
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing; fill me with thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art; I am



find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing; We raise our hands, empty as they are, to testify that God alone can provide his promises. We receive with open hearts, that which only he can provide.

God declares that he is enough for your every need

Leader: [And he says to you] "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore boast all the more gladly of your weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon you. For the sake of Christ, then, be content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when you are weak, then you are strong.

People: **Amen**

Please stay and join us for a time of enjoying each other's company.

This is a time to share in life together as the gospel calls us as we reconnect with those we know, and as we meet someone new.

2 Corinthians 12



Welcome to Free Grace

We are a broken church full of broken people. We know we need God's free grace. Some of us have accepted this grace, some are exploring what it's all about. All of us are still trying to understand it. We are a church that seeks to proclaim this free grace of God with both our words and our lives. Not satisfied with simply talking about it, we want to live it out. We invite you to come, explore, and live God's free grace with us.

Our Connections



Free Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a family of churches that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our Leadership

Free Grace is lead by her elders, men called by God and set apart by the church to care and lead her as individual members, families, and as a whole. Our elders are:

Rev. Dr. Per Almquist
Brian Cosgrove
Rev. Adam Lee
Ken Morris
Ben Van Dyke



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Our Daily Worship

A through-the-week devotional



The following pages are provided for you with a desire to “lead you beside still waters”.
May they assist you in your walk with Christ through week, as you practice his presence, feed upon his word, and reflect upon how both impact your weekly life.

HOW TO "DIG DEEPER"

As you use this devotional, the questions at the end of each day are meant to help you "dig deeper" into God's Word. Because this does not always come naturally, we want to give you a simple and faithful way to approach the text. Each day invites you to engage Scripture using what is called "inductive" study. Below is a guide on how to approach a text and apply the method. You do not need to answer every question in every category... but these offer you fresh ways to approach the text each day and allow God's word to shape your thoughts.

Observe— What does it say?

Who?

Who is speaking?
Who is being addressed?
Who is acting / receiving action?
Who is affected (directly or indirectly)?

When?

When does this happen?
What happens before and after?
Does timing create urgency or tension?

Why?

Why does the author include this?
Why might this matter in the larger passage?

What?

What is happening and being said?
Are there commands, promises, warnings, or questions?
What problem or need is present?
What changes from beginning to end?
What has happened previously which leads to this text?

Where?

Where does this take place?
Does the location matter?

How?

How does God act?
How do people respond?
How is the problem addressed?
How does the passage fit into the bigger picture?

Interpret — What does it mean?

What does this teach about God? About people?
How do the details fit together into a main point?
How do other passages of Scripture help clarify this one?
What does this reveal about Christ or the gospel? Can the grace of the gospel be seen?

Respond — What does this lead me to do?

Is there a sin to confess or an attitude to turn from?
Is there a truth about God I need to believe more deeply?
Is there a promise to trust?
What is one specific step of obedience this calls for?

Final Encouragement

We do not read Scripture on our own strength. We depend on the Holy Spirit to give understanding. Read slowly, ask questions, and pray for insight.

God also forms us in community. Consider reading and discussing these passages with others—whether in person, over ZOOM or even through a simple text conversation— you will be blessed as you grow together in his Word.

SUNDAY

Scripture – Luke 9:10-17

Reflection: Because Jesus is more than enough in our weakness and insufficiency, we must learn not to withdraw from what God places before us, but bring it to Christ and depend on him. In this passage, the need is real. The setting is a desert place, and the resources are clearly not enough. The disciples see their lack and conclude that the only solution is to send the people away. Jesus does not accept their conclusion. Instead, he commands them to act and then provides what they cannot. He feeds the multitude until all are satisfied, and more remains at the end than at the beginning. What Jesus shows here is not new, but the same truth God has always revealed about himself. In Luke 9, Jesus shows that he is more than enough; in Genesis, we see that this has always been true of God. When God spoke to Abraham and said, *“I am El Shaddai”*—the all-sufficient God who is more than enough for what he commands, he was calling him, just as Jesus calls the disciples, to walk forward on the basis of God’s sufficiency, not his own.

Our Common Weakness: We measure what is required against what we have and quietly decide that it is not enough.

Christ Connection: Jesus is the living display that God is truly El Shaddai—the all-sufficient one who is more than enough for every need.

Digging Deeper— Read Genesis 17:1-8

Start digging here

What does God say about himself before he calls Abraham to act?

What does Abraham’s situation reveal about his own ability to fulfill this promise?

What stands out to you about what God promises to do?

Going even deeper (Optional)

Take a few minutes to study this passage more deeply using the “How to Dig Deeper” guide. Focus on one part of the passage and follow what you observe.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we often begin with what we lack instead of who you are. Teach us to trust that you are El Shaddai, the all-sufficient God. Strengthen us to bring what is before us to Christ in faith. Amen.

MONDAY

Scripture — Luke 9:10

Reflection: The disciples return from ministry worn thin. They have been giving of themselves, and the weight of their work has caught up with them. Jesus does not overlook this. He sees their condition and leads them away to a quiet place. Before any new demand is placed on them, he makes space for rest. This moment reveals something essential about Christ: he is not indifferent to our limits. He knows our frame and does not treat weariness as something to ignore or push past. Instead, he draws near and provides what is needed in that moment. This is the same kind of care God has always shown his servants—a pattern we see clearly in Elijah, revealing the steady faithfulness and kindness of our God.

Our Common Weakness: When we are weary, we often push through, ignore our limits, or withdraw from others without bringing our need to Christ.

Christ Connection: When we are weary, we often push through, ignore our limits, or withdraw from others without bringing our need to Christ.

Digging Deeper— Read 1 Kings 19:3-8

Start digging here

What condition is Elijah in when this passage begins?

What does God provide for him before anything else happens?

What stands out about how God cares for him in this moment?

Going even deeper (Optional)

Take a few minutes to study this passage more deeply using the “How to Dig Deeper” guide. Focus on one part of the passage and follow what you observe.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we grow weary and often fail to bring our need to you. Teach us to come to you honestly in our exhaustion. Help us to receive your care and trust that you see us and know our limits. Strengthen us to rest in you and to walk forward in faith. Amen.

TUESDAY

Scripture – Matthew 14:12-13

Reflection: Matthew gives additional insight as to why Jesus took the disciples away. The disciples of John told Jesus what had happened. John had been killed, and the loss was real. Jesus had lost a faithful servant, a forerunner, a family member, a friend. This is part of why he led the disciples into a place of rest. This teaches us that grief is not something to be avoided but something to be felt and processed. Jesus does not rush past it. He steps away, making space for sorrow. There are losses that cannot be undone, and grief reminds us of how little control we have. Yet even here, Jesus remains turned toward the Father.

David was another man who knew this kind of grief. 2 Samuel 12:15–23 gives us the painful account of the death of his child. While Scripture does not give us his exact words from that moment, the Psalms show us how he brought his sorrow before God, revealing a heart that speaks honestly in pain and still hopes in him.

Our Common Weakness: In grief, we often withdraw from God, unsure how to bring our sorrow honestly before him.

Christ Connection: Jesus knows grief and meets us in it, drawing near to us in our sorrow and not turning away.

Digging Deeper— Read Psalm 42:1–5

Start digging here

What emotions or struggles are repeated throughout this passage?

What does the psalmist say to his own soul, and how often does he return to it?

What do you notice about the movement between sorrow and hope?

Going even deeper (Optional)

Take a few minutes to study this passage more deeply using the “How to Dig Deeper” guide. Focus on one part of the passage and follow what you observe.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we feel the weight of loss and often struggle to bring our grief to you. Teach us to come honestly before you, even when our hearts are heavy. Draw near to us in our sorrow, and help us to hope in you again. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Scripture – Luke 9:10-11

Reflection: Imagine what it would be like to go on a much-needed vacation. That is the kind of anticipation the disciples likely felt as Jesus led them away. The plan was clear: rest, recover, and be together after the weight of their work. But the plan was interrupted. The crowds found them, and what was meant to be a retreat became another moment of ministry. Here is a real moment of loss—not the death of a friend, but the death of a plan. This is often where we find ourselves. We set aside time, make decisions, and move in a direction that seems wise, only to have it altered in ways we did not expect. Yet Jesus does not resist the moment or cling to the original plan. He receives what the Father has brought and continues forward in faithfulness.

David knew not only grief, but what it meant to have his aspirations denied. In **2 Samuel 7:1–17**, he desired to build a house for the Lord, yet God did not allow it. His response, seen later in **1 Chronicles 22**, reveals the same truth: God remains sufficient and faithful, even when our plans are set aside.

Our Common Weakness: When our plans are interrupted, we grow frustrated or discouraged, struggling to trust that God’s direction is better than our own.

Christ Connection: Jesus leads us in faithful obedience when our plans are disrupted, showing us that the Father’s purposes are always better than our own.

Digging Deeper— Read 1 Chronicles 22:6–19 (*See also 2 Samuel 7:1–17*)

Start digging here

What did David desire to do for the Lord?

How did God respond to that desire?

What stands out about how David responds after being told no? (1 Chron 22:6-19)

Going even deeper (Optional)

Take a few minutes to study this passage more deeply using the “How to Dig Deeper” guide. Focus on one part of the passage and follow what you observe.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we often feel disappointment when our plans are interrupted. Teach us to trust your purposes when they differ from our own. Help us to receive what you bring with humility and to walk faithfully in the path you set before us. Amen.

THURSDAY

Scripture – *Luke 9:16-17*

Reflection: Jesus takes the loaves, gives thanks, breaks them, and feeds the crowd. What begins as a moment of insufficiency becomes a display of abundance. The people eat and are satisfied, and more remains than what was first given. This moment is not only about provision for the day, but a sign pointing beyond itself. In the wilderness, God fed his people with bread from heaven, sustaining them when they could not provide for themselves. Yet that provision was temporary, meeting their need only for a time. Here, Jesus reveals something greater. He is not only the one who gives bread—he is the bread. The one who satisfies hunger at its deepest level is standing before them. This is the same truth we see throughout Scripture: God provides for his people, but ultimately he gives himself as the true provision, revealing that in Christ alone we find lasting satisfaction and life.

Our Common Weakness: We look to temporary provision to satisfy what only Christ can truly fulfill.

Christ Connection: Jesus is the true bread from heaven, given by the Father to satisfy our deepest need and give us life.

Digging Deeper— Read Exodus 16:4–15 and John 6:32–35

Start digging here

How do the people respond to what God provides in Exodus 16?

How often did they need to gather it?

What do you notice about the difference between the provision in Exodus and the provision Jesus offers?

Going even deeper (Optional)

Take a few minutes to study this passage more deeply using the “How to Dig Deeper” guide. Focus on one part of the passage and follow what you observe.

Prayer Heavenly Father, you have always provided for your people, yet we often grumble and think it is not enough. Teach us to hunger for Christ, the true bread from heaven. Turn our hearts from lesser things and feed us with that which truly satisfies. Amen.

FRIDAY- CONFESSION CORNER

WSC Q#36

Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Reflection: Throughout this week, we have seen how quickly our strength fades, how deeply grief can cut, and how easily our plans can fall apart. In each moment, we are reminded that we are not as self-sufficient as we often believe. Yet the good news of the gospel is not only that Christ saves us for eternity, but that he provides for us now. The benefits described here are not distant promises, but present realities for those who belong to him. When we are weary, he gives increase of grace and strength to continue. When we grieve, he assures us of his love and steadies our hearts with peace. When our plans are disrupted, he sustains us with perseverance, keeping us from falling away. These are not things we produce, but gifts that flow from our union with Christ. He is not only the one who gives bread—he is the bread, the one who nourishes and sustains his people in every season. In him, we find that God's provision is not limited to what we need for the moment, but extends to all that is required to walk with him faithfully.

Strive to commit this truth to memory. Return to it often, and take time to study it further through the Scriptures provided in the catechism, so that you may see more clearly how richly Christ provides for his people in this life.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we praise you as the God who is more than enough in every season of our lives. You see us in our weariness, draw near in our grief, and order our steps when our plans are undone. We praise you for the gift of your Son, the true bread from heaven, who nourishes and sustains us with life that never fades. In him we have assurance of your love, peace for our troubled hearts, and grace for every need. Receive our thanks and our worship. Fix our hearts upon you, that we may trust you more deeply and walk before you in faith all our days. Amen.

This Week In Focus:

All Month of May

Deacon Fund Offering – *During the month of May, please prayerfully consider giving to the Deacon Fund using the green envelopes. This offering goes to meet the needs of those in our community.*

Today

Business Meeting – *shortly after the service*

Monday, May 4th

Ladies Discipleship Meeting – *6:00-8:00pm at the church (See Shannon for details)*

Friday, May 8th

Youth Group – *7:00pm at the church*

Upcoming Events

Saturdays, May 30 & June 6

Church Work Days – *9:00am...until the work is done!*

Regular Rhythms of Grace

Weekly Gatherings

Ladies Discipleship Meeting – *Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm at the church (See Shannon for details.)*

Youth Group – *Fridays, 7:00pm at the church*

Monthly or Biweekly Gatherings

First Friday Fellowship – *5:45pm – (June at the Lees, July at the Crosbys)*

Second Sunday Discussions – *2nd Sunday, 15 minutes after worship ends – (Family-style conversations on a rotating topic.)*

Praying for Prodigals – *3rd Sunday, 8:30am in the pastor's office*

If you do not know the address of any event, or the contact information for any event, please contact either Pastor Adam at adam.lee@freegrace.us or Linda at the email address below.

If you would like to be added to our church-family email where you can keep in touch through the week, or if you would like to be added to the church directory, please email Linda at linda.morris@freegrace.us

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