

TRUST AND OBEY

Genesis 12:1-4

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis preached the sermon: “Wrath and Rescue” from Genesis 6:9-8:12. Through the account of Noah and the flood, we were encouraged with the truth that while we all stand condemned before a holy God, God provides rescue from his wrath.

Read: Genesis 12:1-4

This Sunday, Joel Smith will preach from Genesis 12:1-4 and will exhort us to trust and obey God in light of his promises and faithfulness to fulfill them. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent lead you to greater depths of loving obedience to our loving God.

Reflect: Obedience Borne of Love

To love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength is the greatest commandment in the Law (Mark 12:28-30). If I could simply fulfill this one commandment, I would gladly fulfill all others as a natural matter of course.

So how can I come to love God with all of my being (1 John 5:3)? The Bible teaches that genuine love in my heart for God is generated by an awareness of His love for me (1 John 4:19), and nowhere is the love of God more clearly revealed than in the gospel (Romans 5:7-8; John 15:13; Ephesians 2:4-5).

Therefore, preaching the gospel to myself is a great way to keep God’s amazing love before my eyes, so that I might experience its power to produce in me a passionate love for Him in return. Captured by His love in this way, my smitten heart increasingly burns to do His will and feasts itself on doing so (John 14:31; John 4:34; Psalm 40:8).

“Obedience Borne of Love,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Let the Nations Be Glad,” by Matt Boswell
2. “Christ Be All,” by Grace Worship
3. “’Tis So Sweet,” Arr. Crosspoint Music

SONG LYRICS

"LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD"

Aaron Boswell | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

Chorus

Let the nations be glad
Let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad

Verse 2

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered
Though they died
Still we holding out the cross
Crossing oceans suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

Verse 3

As Your holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the gospel to proclaim
Now we pray Your Kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and glory of Your name

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SONG LYRICS

"CHRIST BE ALL"

Andrew Murray | Kevin King

Verse 1

Oh to be empty and lowly
Meek and unnoticed and unknown
And to God a vessel holy
Filled with Christ and Christ alone

Verse 2

How great is God His grandeur endless
How frail I come before his throne
I am lost in love relentless
That Christ be all and I his own

Chorus

May Christ be all
And I be nothing
His glory shines
In vessels weak
May Christ be all
And I be nothing
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me

Verse 3

I am poor and I have nothing
All my deeds cannot avail
But Christ endured the Father's crushing
He bowed his head as Mercy bled
Peace to prevail
He bowed his head and Mercy bled
Peace to prevail

Bridge

Bring me low
My heart lower still
That your grace my pride relieves
May these words
Resound loud until
Every tribe and tongue believes (can sing)

Verse 4

On golden shores of sure salvation
I will run to meet my King
Freed from shame and all accusation
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring

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SONG LYRICS

"'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

Louisa M. R. Stead | William James Kirkpatrick

Chorus

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Verse 2

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Verse 3

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

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SERMON NOTES

TRUST AND OBEY

Genesis 12:1-4

Big Idea: God's promises are true; therefore, trust and obey him.

I. God's promises are true

A. The Abrahamic Covenant:

1. God promises to establish a place.
2. God promises to establish a people.
3. God promises to accomplish through people a glorious purpose.

B. God's promise to establish a place for his people.

1. The Promised Land

Joshua 21:43-45

Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel (Abraham's descendants) had failed; all came to pass.

2. The New Heavens and the New Earth

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

3. God's promise to establish a place for his people was fulfilled but will ultimately be fulfilled in the days to come!

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C. God's promise to establish a covenant people

1. The Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-3

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac

Genesis 21:5

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

2. The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:1-3

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, THE SON OF ABRAHAM. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

Matthew 1:16

and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

3. The Sons of Abraham

Luke 19:9-10

And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a SON OF ABRAHAM. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Galatians 3:7-9

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.' So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

SERMON NOTES

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Genesis 12:1-4

4. All Tribes, Tongues, Peoples, and Nations

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

5. God's promise to establish a covenant people was fulfilled but will ultimately be fulfilled in the days to come!

D. God's promise to accomplish his glorious purpose through his people.

1. Examples in Israel's History

a. Rahab

Joshua 6:17

And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are in her household shall live, because she hid the messengers.

b. Provisions for visiting foreigners

Leviticus 19:34

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

2. The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

SERMON NOTES

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II. Abraham's Response: Faith and Obedience

Hebrews 11:1

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

Hebrews 11:7

By faith, Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

III. Trust and Obey God

- A. Trust God's many promises.
- B. Obey God's general and specific calling.
- C. Faith fuels obedience. And obedience results in unrivaled joy in Christ.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?



Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

**Sermon
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVE: TO TRUST AND OBEY GOD WHOSE PROMISES ARE TRUE

DISCUSS

- Why do people move? If you have moved here to Clemson, what brought you here?
- Read Genesis 12:1-4. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What promises did God make to Abraham? What does this teach us about who God is and the way God brings blessing to the nations?
- What possible excuses could Abraham have given the Lord in order to not obey? What excuses might we give to God to not obey?
- Although Abraham obeyed, the rest of Moses' account reveals that he did not continually obey perfectly. To bless the nations required one who would obey perfectly. How has Jesus fulfilled God's promise to Abraham?
- In what way do you need to specifically place your trust in the Lord? (obedience to make disciples, anxiety, fear of man, guilt for sin, battle for purity, etc.) What is your next step in obedience to trusting the Lord with this
- As Abraham was called by God to go and be a blessing to the nations, so are we called by God to go and make disciples of all people for God's glory. How is God calling you to obey this command? What is your next step in obedience?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

THE BLESSING OF THE NATIONS

God calls Abraham to leave the comfort and familiarity of his home in order to be used to bless the nations.

READ: Genesis 12:1-4

- What promises did God make to Abraham? What does this teach us about who God is and the way God brings blessing to the nations?
- How has Jesus fulfilled God's promise to Abraham?
- As Abraham was called by God to go and be a blessing to the nations, so are we called by God to go and make disciples of all people for God's glory. How is God calling you to obey this command? What is your next step in obedience?

PRAY

- Praise God for providing Jesus to fulfill his promise to bless the nations by offering salvation in Christ. Pray for the nations to hear the gospel, repent from sin, and believe in Jesus.
- Pray that God would help you obey His commands by faith. Pray that God would show you your next step in obedience and give you faith to obey.

SING: "Promises," by Maverick City Music [Shane & Shane arrangement]

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mawG-s-idTQ>)

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

OBEDIENCE BY FAITH

Abraham and Sarah were assured that what God told them would happen. Their obedience by faith shows their trust in the Lord. Just like Abraham, we don't always know where we are going, but God is faithful to supply our every need.

READ: Hebrews 11:1-2; 8-16

- Why do we often struggle with living out our faith like Abraham and Sarah?
- What comfort does this passage offer when we may not see the fruit of our faithfulness in this life?
- In what ways does this passage relate to what Jesus commands us in the Great Commission?

PRAY

- Ask God for faith like Abraham in a day where to be obedient to God is looked down upon.
- Ask God for a greater desire to seek Him and obey His commands.
- Thank God that He is faithful to lead us to the heavenly city that Abraham looked to when he was called.
- Ask God for discernment to follow where He may be calling you.

SING: "The Lord is my Salvation," by Shane and Shane

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFkGH64pMMw&ab>)

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION

Moses is preparing the nation of Israel to enter into the land that God had promised them; a land flowing with milk and honey. As they prepared to enter, Moses charged the households of Israel to love God with all their heart, soul, and might. He also instructed them to take advantage of every opportunity to teach their children about their great God who they served.

READ: Deuteronomy 6:4-15

- After reading the passage, reflect on how you are doing loving God with your entire being (Heart, soul, and might).
- Why is it important that we love God before we begin investing in the next generation?
- What is at risk if we are not faithful to invest in the next generation, especially those who live under our roof and are under our care (vs. 12)?

PRAY

- For your own heart and mind. Ask God to help you love him with your entire being.
- Pray for the generations of people who will follow you. Pray for the advancement of God's kingdom around the globe.

SING: "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing," by David Crowder

(<https://youtu.be/7w3DXMkyj7Q>)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

MISPLACED TRUST

The psalmist calls us to place our trust in God and not man. This Psalm begins and ends with a call to praise God (vv. 1-2, 10). Sandwiched between this call to praise is an exhortation for us not to place our trust in man (vv. 3-4) but to place our trust in God (vv. 5-9). The psalmist encourages us to not place our trust in human rulers because they will perish with their plans (vv. 3-4). He encourages us to trust in God because His reign is forever (v 10) and His eternal purposes will prevail (vv. 6-9).

READ: Psalm 146:1-10

- How does this verse help us think rightly concerning the presidential election and state elections?
- What are the reasons given in (vv. 5-9) for trusting God? We have a catalog of God's gracious acts to encourage us to trust him. Make a list!
- How does the character of God revealed in this passage fortify our faith and trust in Him?

PRAY

- God help me grow in trusting you by reading your Word and meditating on who you are.
- Lord forgive me when I do not trust you in turbulent times. Help me to set my gaze upon you and not my problems.

SING: "Great is Thy Faithfulness," by Maranatha! Music

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErwiBz1QA4o>)

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020

BY FAITH

In the Apostle Paul's explanation that salvation is by faith alone, he goes back in history to provide an example. How far back? To the book of Genesis. Paul cites Abraham as an example to show we are saved only by faith, not by our works.

READ: Galatians 3:6-9

- Writers repeat words to emphasize importance. Write the words that are repeated in this passage and how many times they appear.
- What does God do in this passage?
- Contrary to any idea that people have ever been saved by their works, what does this passage teach us about how people in the Old Testament and the New Testament are saved? Jews and Gentiles?

PRAY

- Thank God that salvation has been provided by His grace simply through faith, not by works.
- Pray that God will fulfill his promise to bless the nations by bringing the good news of Jesus to all people.

SING: "By Faith," by Keith and Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9AGBiAV82k>)