

## Get Involved

God calls Christians to be disciples by gathering to worship, getting involved in intentional community, and living a life of mission. Take a step forward in discipleship through:

- Community Groups**  
Meet with a CG during the week in order to connect with others and grow in faith.
- Serving at Pacific Crossroads**  
Help others connect with our church community each Sunday.
- Serving PCC Children and Youth**  
Be a role model for our growing Children's and Youth ministries.
- Serving Los Angeles**  
Provide care and support to LA's poor and marginalized through Hope for LA.
- Serving Abroad**  
Support our global missions partners through short-term missions trips.

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## Reflections

"With all due respect to the religions of the world, there is no other story like the Christian story. The god who thunders, the god who persecutes and condemns, the god who wreaks vengeance - yes - we know this god from the caricatures. We know this god from the old paintings. We know this god from hearing continual references to 'the Old Testament God.' But this is not who God is. 'The Old Testament God' is the one who has come down from his throne on high into the world of sinful human flesh and of his own free will and decision has come under his own judgment in order to deliver us from everlasting condemnation and bring us into eternal life. He has not required human sacrifice; he has himself become the human sacrifice. He has not turned us over and forsaken us; he was himself turned over and forsaken."

Fleming Rutledge, from *And God Spoke to Abraham: Preaching from the Old Testament*

"From beginning to end, the Holy Scriptures testify that the predicament of fallen humanity is so serious, so grave, so irremediable from within that nothing short of divine intervention can rectify it."

Fleming Rutledge, from *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*

## Sermon

*The Cross as the Center of the Center*  
Rankin Wilbourne

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## Scripture

Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.