



PACIFIC
CROSSROADS
CHURCH

November 10, 2019



Reflection

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

- Romans 4:13, 18-25

Sermon

The Family DNA

Russ Hightower

Scripture

John 8:37-59

³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Information and Resources

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app **Pacific Crossroads**, website **PacificCrossroads.org/Events** or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.

General Fund Update (as of 10/27/19)

Offerings Budget: **\$3,567,020**

Expenses Budget: **\$4,110,325**

Offerings Actual: **\$3,133,087**

Expenses Actual: **\$3,535,181**

To give from your phone, text **give2pcc** to **77977**

Sunday Volunteer Roles Needed

Westside - 68 volunteers needed to serve once a month:

Ushers (18), Welcome (17), Hospitality/Coffee (8), Lyric Projection/Camera Operator (8), Post-Service Prayer (6)

Downtown - 28 volunteers needed to serve once a month:

Hospitality/Usher/Greeter/Communion Prep (8), Communion Servers (4), Lyric Projection (7),

Our Highest Need: Post-Service Prayer (9)

To serve on Sunday or to volunteer for any of these roles

Email: alexscott@pacificcrossroads.org

Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to help if you are in a difficult place.

Email: congregationalcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at **310.551.0081**

Parking Information

Westside: Volunteers will pay for your parking for 30 minutes after service at a garage pay station.

Downtown: The Adams' parking structure closes at 8pm. Cars cannot be accessed after that time.

BOXES OF

Today

pick up a box

NOVEMBER 17

bring back your full box

NOVEMBER 23-25

deliver boxes to families in LA

pacificcrossroads.org/boxesoflove

Upcoming Events

Boxes of Love

Boxes of Love is a great opportunity to extend God's love to families in our city this Thanksgiving. Pick up a box after service today to fill with grocery items to prepare a meal. Return filled boxes on Sunday 11.17.19 & join us delivering boxes the weekend before Thanksgiving. Contact **Michael Henderson** (Director of Hope for LA) at mhenderson@pacificcrossroads.org

Prayer Gatherings | Wednesdays & Thursdays

Our elders and deacons invite you to join them for informal prayer gatherings during the next several weeks.

Wednesdays | 11.13, 11.20, 12.4, 12.11, 12.18 | 6-7pm at the Pacific Crossroads Church Office
Contact **Harold Shin** at hshin@pacificcrossroads.org

Thursdays | 11.7, 11.14, 12.5, 12.19 | 8-9pm in Highland Park
Contact **Brian Covalt** at bcovalt@pacificcrossroads.org

Thanksgiving Together | 11.24.19 | Following Each Service

Join us following each service on Sunday November 24 to celebrate Thanksgiving. There will be games, food and entertainment for everyone! It will be a great time to connect with each other as a church family. Families from some of our Hope For LA partners will also join us to receive Boxes of Love.

If you are interested in serving with us at this event
Contact **Shawn Gendall** at sgendall@pacificcrossroads.org

PCC Women's Christmas Dinner | 12.06.19 | 7:00pm

Women of PCC, join us for a Christmas dinner and a time of connecting with one another. The festivities take place at the Pacific Crossroads Church office. The last day to register is December 4.
Contact **Jane Tsang** at jtsang@pacificcrossroads.org

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