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# Reflection

Oh God, gather me now  
to be with you as you are with me.

Soothe my tiredness;  
quiet my fretfulness;  
curb my aimlessness;  
relieve my compulsiveness  
let me be easy for a moment.

O Lord, release me  
from the fears and guilts which grip me so tightly;  
from the expectations and opinions which I so tightly grip,  
that I may be open  
to receiving what you give,  
to risking something genuinely new,  
to learning something refreshingly different.

Forgive me  
for claiming so much for myself  
that I leave no room for gratitude;  
O God, gather me to be with you as you are with me.  
Amen

- Ted Loder, *Gather Me to be With You*, from *Guerillas of Grace*

# Scripture

Philippians 4:10-23

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.

<sup>22</sup> All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

# Sermon

*The Secret of Paul*

Rankin Wilbourne

# 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 11/17/19)

Offerings Budget: **\$3,817,388**

Expenses Budget: **\$4,391,376**

Offerings Actual: **\$3,630,295**

Expenses Actual: **\$3,977,664**

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.

# Upcoming Events

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## **New Sunday Service Schedule | 12.22.19 | 10:00am & 5:00pm**

Beginning 12.22.19 we will be moving our regular Sunday morning service schedule to a single 10:00am service.

## **Prayer Gatherings | Wednesdays & Thursdays**

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

Wednesdays | 12.4, 12.11, 12.18 | 6-7pm at the Pacific Crossroads Church Office

Contact **Harold Shin** at [hshin@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:hshin@pacificcrossroads.org)

Thursdays | 12.5, 12.19 | 8-9pm in Highland Park

Contact **Brian Covalt** at [bcovalt@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:bcovalt@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](mailto:jtsang@pacificcrossroads.org)

## **Congregational Forum | 12.12.19 | 7:00pm**

The elders invite you to join us for our next congregational forum. The forum will include updates from the elders, and an opportunity to pray together. This will be held at the Pacific Crossroads Church Office.

## **The Gospel Story | Begins 1.1.20**

Study the basics of our Christian faith in an intentional, three-part online study. The course is taught by R.C. Sproul, Rankin Wilbourne, and other noted scholars. Spend two hours per week discovering the long historical arc of the Gospel truth in each week's lesson, connecting these people & times to Christ

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| DECEMBER 8: BY FAITH ABRAHAM |

| DECEMBER 15: BY FAITH GOD'S PEOPLE |

| DECEMBER 22: BY FAITH MARY + JOSEPH |

| DECEMBER 29: BY FAITH SIMON PETER |

DECEMBER 8 + 15: 9AM, 11AM, 5PM

DECEMBER 22 + 29: 10AM + 5PM



## AM SERVICES

SANTA MONICA HIGH  
PICO BLVD AND 4TH ST  
SANTA MONICA, 90405

## PM SERVICES

ST JOHNS EPISCOPAL  
514 W ADAMS BLVD  
LOS ANGELES 90007

# THE GOSPEL



# STORY

Study the basics of our Christian faith in an  
intentional, three-part online study.



## **GOSPEL STORY, PART ONE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT STORY**

Begins January 1, 2020

A 13-week overview of how the Gospel story began in Creation and moved in the lives of Abraham, Moses, the Judges, Kings, & Prophets over a 2000 year timeframe. Taught by R.C. Sproul, Rankin Wilbourne, and other noted scholars. Spend two hours per week discovering the long historical arc of the Gospel truth in each week's lesson, connecting these people & times to Christ and our redemption in Him.



**LIMITED TO 75 STUDENTS. ENROLL EARLY TO GUARANTEE A SEAT.**

## **GOSPEL STORY, PART TWO**

### **NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

Begins May 2020

## **GOSPEL STORY, PART THREE**

### **CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE**

Begins September 2020