



# Kid's Bible Time

Children (4-12 years old) are  
now released to go.

Parents please escort your children  
to the annex.

Cathy Flack: Interim Facilitator



SEEKING THE LORD IN PRAYER  
EVERY SUNDAY  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
IN THE ANNEX

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QUESTIONS? SEE BOB HERBIG





*Serving Families In Need*

- **Grab a bag from the Foyer and complete the grocery list**
- **Include a \$10 donation for a turkey**
- **Drop off your bag at the Manna Center anytime now - Nov. 15th**

670 Heritage Court  
524-9825

# Holiday Food Bags





CHRISTMAS WITH  
**THE CHOSEN**

"THE MESSENGERS"



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Video: Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers (1:38 min)



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## **Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers**

The Chosen has a new episode! To launch the Christmas season this December, The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph.

You'll also see an extraordinary lineup of musicians perform both new and classic Christmas songs from the set of The Chosen, including: Phil Wickham, For King & Country, Brandon Lake, Maverick City Music, Bryan & Katie Torwalt, and more!

**December 1-10<sup>th</sup>**

**The Razorback Cinema**

3956 N Steele Blvd, Fayetteville

**AMC Fiesta Square 12**

3033 N College, Fayetteville

**Pinnacle Hills Cinema 12**

2200 S Bellview Rd, Rogers





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SENDING THE GOSPEL TO THE  
*Ends of the Earth*



*Shoebox Sunday*



**Part 4-5: Am I the Problem?  
Am I Helping You Grow?**



until unity

based on the book by francis chan



# Until Unity – *Am I the Problem? Am I Helping You Grow?*

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<sup>23-24</sup> Investigate my life, O God,  
find out everything about me;  
Cross-examine and test me,  
get a clear picture of what I'm about;  
See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—  
then guide me on the road to eternal life.





**Until Unity** – *Am I the Problem? Am I Helping You Grow?*

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“to turn **from** evil, and to turn **to** God.”  
both **motive** and **conduct are** to be **radically changed**.

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# Until Unity – Am I the Problem? Am I Helping You Grow?

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

(ESV)

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away;  
as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways

<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,  
even as I have been fully known.



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**If you're having a hard time accepting that or are starting to feel defensive, stop right now and check your heart.**

**Do you really think you have God figured out?**

**Do you really think you have 100% correct theology [the study of God]?**

***If so, that's a scary place to be.”***

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Isaiah 55:8-9

(ESV)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.





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Job 38:1-5

(ESV)

Out of the raging storm, the Eternal One answered Job.

<sup>2</sup> Eternal One: Who is this that darkens counsel,  
*who covers over sound instruction* with *empty* words *void of knowledge*?

<sup>3</sup> Now, prepare yourself *and gather your courage* like a warrior.  
*Prepare yourself for the task at hand.*

I'll be asking the questions, now—  
you will supply the answers.

<sup>4</sup> Where were you when I *dug and* laid the foundation of the earth?  
Explain it to me, if you are *acquainted with understanding*.

<sup>5</sup> Who decided on the measurements? *Surely you know that!*  
Who stretched out a line to measure the dimensions?



**“Everyone seems to start out with the assumption that his or her opinion of God is right, rather than recognizing that all of us have an incomplete, flawed knowledge of God. Without *humility*, we will never have *unity*.”**

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## Until Unity – Am I the Problem? Am I Helping You Grow?

Back to... 1 Corinthians 4:3-5 (NLT)

As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't *even trust* my *own judgment* on *this point*.

<sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but *that doesn't prove I'm right*. It is the Lord Himself *who will examine me* and decide.

<sup>5</sup> So *don't make judgments* about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For He will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.



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1 Corinthians 4:3-5

(MSG)

It matters very little to me what you think of me, even less where I rank in popular opinion. I don't even rank myself. Comparisons in these matters are pointless. I'm not aware of anything that would disqualify me from being a good guide for you, but that doesn't mean much. The *Master* makes that judgment.

<sup>5</sup> So don't get ahead of the Master **and jump to conclusions** with **your judgments** before **all the evidence is in**. When He comes, He will bring out in the open and place in evidence **all kinds of things** we **never** even **dreamed of**—inner **motives** and **purposes** and **prayers**.

Only then **will any one of us** get **to hear** the “**Well done!**” of **God**.





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**Rather than staying on the path to maturity (which includes increasing acknowledge) they take a different road that focuses primarily on attaining information.**

**While they are increasing in knowledge they are not growing in humility.**

**While they are filling their minds with information they are not emptying themselves for the needy.**

**They aren't leading others by living life with them and modeling the fruit of the spirit. As a result we have people who see themselves as mature because they know so many things about scripture but **their lives look nothing like that of Christ.**”**

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Even if we sit amidst a herd of elephants.

The *unity* of *heaven* is found in our *unified* boasting:

*Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”*

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FOR THE PERSECUTED



Video: God's tears for the Persecuted Church -David Wilkerson (2015) (3 min)



**PRAY for the small community of Christians** who remain in Afghanistan after the Taliban's takeover. Ask God to provide for their needs, give them protection, and let them know they are not alone, and the worldwide Church stands with them

**PRAY for Christians in Egypt, Iraq and Syria** to have the courage and wisdom to be bold for Jesus in the face of ongoing discrimination. And ask God to prepare Christians in some parts of the country for the reality of violent attacks by extremists.

**PRAY for Christians in North Korea, Somalia, Eritrea, and Iran** who are imprisoned or held captive for their faith. Ask God to give them the comfort of the Holy Spirit—and pray for their expedited release and freedom

**PRAY for young Christian girls** who face the threat of abduction and forced marriage in Muslim majority countries like Egypt. Ask God to move the authorities to take these abductions seriously and prosecute the perpetrators swiftly and with justice.

**PRAY for persecuted Christians** who have been displaced from their homes by extremist attacks in countries like Nigeria, Egypt, Syria and Burkina Faso. These believers have lost all their earthly belongings. Pray that God would provide for their needs and that they would know they are not alone.

**PRAY for the pastors and Christian leaders** of the persecuted Church. Ask God to give them wisdom in leading their congregations, guiding them to be prepared for persecution—helping them forgive and love their enemies





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