



REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH

EXODUS

THE WONDER OF GRACE



Sunday, February 24, 2019
"From Bitter to Sweet"

Song of Gathering

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:8-12

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

ALL: Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Leader: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads

ALL: We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

I Want to Know You

Praising God & Confessing Our Sins

The Good News: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Greeting

Songs of Praise

Before the Throne of God
Jesus Thank You

Thanking God & Praying for Others

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Exodus 15:22-27 *(see insert)*

Songs of Response & Sending

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Benediction

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

22 Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, 26 saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer." 27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Exodus 15:22-27 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. When do you grumble, and why? What does it say about your view of, and faith in, God? How seriously do you take it?
2. How is gospel gratitude the antidote to grumbling? Spend some time giving thanks together for specific things in your life.
3. Where has God turned your heart from bitter to sweet? Where do you need Him to turn your heart from bitter to sweet, and how is the gospel the power to do it?
4. In Philippians 4:11-13, Paul says he "learned the secret" of abounding in any and every circumstance. What is contentment? How does the gospel give us contentment?

Sermon Series: Exodus: The Wonder of Grace

Sermon Title: From Bitter to Sweet

Date: February 24, 2019

I. Grumbling

Only 3 days after their miraculous rescue at the Red Sea, Israel begins to grumble. What is grumbling? Why is it so serious? What does it reveal about our hearts?

II. Grace

How does God respond to Israel's grumbling? How is this a parable for how God has responded to us in Christ?

III. Gratitude

God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance and obedience. How does the gospel change our grumbling into a life of gratitude? How does the gospel make us content?

Announcements

Communicants Class: The communicants class is a four-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicants classes are, please fill out the form at: redeemerwh.org/rsw-communicants. The class will be held on **Wednesday nights (Feb 27, March 6, 13 & 20) from 6:30-8pm at Redeemer City (1410 Dundee Road, 33884).**

Men's Retreat: Guys, join us **March 1-3** for our Redeemer Men's Retreat. We'll be staying at the FFA Leadership Training Center on Lake Pierce in Haines City. The cost to attend is \$150. Register at redeemerwh.org/mensretreat. *The deadline to register is February 24.*

Community Fest: Join us for **Community Fest 2019 on March 9th** as we seek to connect with the city at the 5th Annual Community Fest. This is a family fun event where we can love and serve this community by hosting a game and giving out information about our church. Be sure to sign up to serve!

Favorite Things Party: All Ladies are invited to our annual FAVORITE THINGS PARTY! **Saturday, March 16 at 6 pm. Renee McGee's house. 5209 Thornhill Road.** Bring 3 of your favorite things (3 things that are exactly the SAME, each in the \$10 range) and you'll go home with 3 favorite things from friends! Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share and we'll provide an ice cream bar for dessert. Any questions, see Renee McGee or Jess Blasio. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Community Groups

Sunday mornings are great, but there's not much time to really get to know anyone or build relationships. Community groups are our way of doing that. They are bi-monthly informal small groups that meet in homes and are the primary way of "connecting" with others at Redeemer Southwest Church. Please contact Rodney Barton (rodney@redeemerwinterhaven.org) for more info.

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