



1 & 2 Samuel

THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "ISAIAH 40:28-31"

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "EVERLASTING GOD"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: "COME YE SINNERS"

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r

Chorus - I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh there are ten thousand charms

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty, glorify
True belief, and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry til you're better, you will never come at all - **Chorus**

Feel Him prostrate in the garden, On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him, Sinner will this not suffice

Lo incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude - **Chorus**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Father, we confess that we are often more like Saul than David. We seek security in our own wisdom, our own strength, and the things of this world. We are quick to trust what we can see and slow to rest in Your promises.

We confess that when we drift from You, our hearts become conflicted, fearful, and hopeless. We have pursued comfort instead of holiness, control instead of faith, and self-reliance instead of dependence upon You.

Forgive us for rejecting Your Word in subtle and obvious ways. Draw us again to Christ, who is our true King, our refuge, and our strength. Teach us to trust Your promises, seek You in prayer, rest in Your providence, rely upon Your power, and cling to the Jesus above all else. In His name we pray, amen.

John 10:27-30 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "HIS MERCY IS MORE"

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more - **Chorus**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more - **Chorus**

5-MINUTE BREAK

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

SCRIPTURE READING: "1 SAMUEL 30:6"

"And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God."

SERMON: "A TALE OF TWO LIFESTYLES"

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 27 - 30 (PGS. 140 - 154 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

Main point: reject life without God, and receive life strengthened by God.

- Chapter 27: life without God is conflicted
- Chapter 28: life without God is hopeless
- Chapters 29-30: the life that's strengthened by God
 - Promises
 - Prayer
 - Providence
 - Power
 - Person (of Christ)

1 Samuel 15:26: And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."

1 Samuel 23:16-17: ¹⁶ And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

Revelation 21:4: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

John 10:28: "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast - **Chorus**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH"

What is our hope in life and death, Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within his hand, what comes apart from his
command
And what will keep us to the end, the love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul, God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known, in our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise, who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore, the rock of
Christ

Unto the grave, what shall we sing, Christ, he lives Christ, he lives
And what reward will heaven bring Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore -

Chorus

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved

August 9 - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

August 16 - Baptism Sunday

September 9 - Generations of Grace

Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

On **Second Sundays** this Summer, we invite you to stay for lunch after worship and participate in orientations for The Seeing Jesus Together Journal, which we utilize in our church's Transformation Groups. In addition to being trained on the applications of the Seeing Jesus Together Journal for both group life and for personal devotional rhythms, you'll get the opportunity to fellowship with fellow members and attenders of Autumn Ridge Community Church.

Transformation Groups will launch in August/September. We ask that anyone who wishes to participate in a Transformation Group participate August 9. Register with the QR code below.



Baptism Sunday - August 16

If you have questions about baptism or are interested in pursuing baptism, please contact Davis Lacey:
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