

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 10/22-10/28

Sunday Service Times: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
or online at laurelridge.online.church

Sundays, Nursery/Preschool: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM

Sundays, Kids (K-6th) Services: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
Streaming online at 9:50 AM: "Ridge Kids" on YouTube

THE RIDGE Community Group: 9:50 and 11am
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Tuesdays, Celebrate Recovery: 6 PM, Oakley Campus

NO Wednesdays, Kids (K-4th) and Preteen (5th-6th) Adventure
6:15-8 PM

NO Wednesdays, THE RIDGE (MS and HS): 6:15-8 PM
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Thursdays, Prayer Team: 5:30 PM, Conference Room

Thursdays, Grief Share: 7 PM Room 301

**For all Nursery-12th Grade programs, contact brandon@laurelridgechurch.org

Bethel Island Campus | Week at a Glance

Sunday Service Times: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

For other opportunities and Community Group info, visit laurelridgechurch.org

*Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register

Oakley Campus Planner

10/25: NO Wednesday Evening
Program K-12

10/26: Harvest Carnival Setup day, 6pm

10/27: Children's Harvest Carnival, 6-8:30pm

*11/5: Next Steps Begins, 9:30am, Rm 301

11/5: Angel Tree Tags Available

*11/5: Children's Baptism Class, 12:10pm,
Room 301

11/5: Daylight Savings Ends

11/11: Veterans Day

11/12: Return OCC Shoeboxes (Prepaid)

11/12: Fall Community Groups End

11/13: Mommy Meet up, 9-11:30am, Gym

11/14: Boomers Thanksgiving, 11:30am, Gym

*11/16: Grief Share Surviving the Holidays
Seminar, 7pm, 301

*11/17-18: Lock-In, Gr 7-12, 7pm-7am

11/19: Baptism Sunday, 11am

11/26: Angel Tree gifts due in the lobby

*2/23-25/2024: Winter Camp, Gr 7-12

*3/22-25/2024: Mission Trip, Gr 7-12

*6/23-28/2024: Summer Camp, Gr 2-6

*7/8-13/2024: Summer Camp, Gr 7-12



DISTORTED
Truth: I Just Have to Be Strong
October 22, 2023

Dis' tōrtid
adjective

- Pulled or twisted out of shape; contorted.
- Giving a misleading or false account or impression; misrepresented.
"his report gives a distorted view of the meeting"

Big Idea: The longer we look at distorted truth as truth, the more likely we will believe it as a truth.

1. There's an invisible world that impacts our visible world every single day.

2. The Bible says there is a distorter of truth. He distorts the truth just enough to get us in trouble, but not enough to scare us away.

John 8:38

3. Jesus believed that the devil's ultimate agenda was the destruction of human life, and that the means by which he destroyed human life was through distorting the truth.

4. How much destruction can he cause by distorting truth?

Genesis 3:1

Ephesians 6:10-11 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Schemes: Carries the idea of craftiness, cunning, and deception. The term was often used of a wild animal that cunningly stalked and then unexpectedly pounced on its prey. Satan's evil schemes are built around stealth and deception.

John 8:32 - Then you will know the **truth**, and the truth will **set you free**.

DISTORTED TRUTH: I JUST HAVE TO BE STRONG
Emotionally - Provisionally - Spiritually - Professionally

5. OUR STRENGTH IS _____.

Genesis 3:5 - "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be **like** God, knowing good and evil."

6. GOD'S STRENGTH IS _____.

- That's why God wants us _____
to depend on our own limited abilities, but to do life empowered by His unlimited spiritual power.

Isaiah 40:30-31 - Even **youths** grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who **hope in the Lord** will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like **eagles**; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

7. THE TRUTH THAT WILL SET YOU FREE: TO RECEIVE GOD'S UNLIMITED STRENGTH, WE MUST BE _____.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - But he said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for my **power is made perfect in weakness**." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, **I delight in weaknesses**, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong**.

_____ : Think well of, to delight, to embrace

- *What weakness do you need to embrace?* _____

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Grace	(Charis)	Unmerited <u>favor</u> , divine <u>influence</u> upon a heart.
Sufficient	(Arkeo)	Eliminating a barrier, <u>sufficient</u> , exactly enough.
Power	(Dunamis)	Explosive, miraculous <u>power</u> .
Perfect	(Teleitai)	Completely <u>fulfilled</u> .
Weakness	(Astheneia)	Disease, infirmity, <u>brokenness</u> .

God's divine influence is exactly enough to meet your every need. For his explosive miraculous power is made completely perfect in you when you are broken before Him.

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Five Easy Ways to Give:

1. In Person: Place your offering in an offering box at either exit.
2. Our App: Search for "Laurel Ridge Community Church" on iOS and Android.
3. Online: laurelridgechurch.org/give
4. Bill Pay: Setup LRCC on your bank's Bill Pay.
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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