



BRIGHT HOPE



HOW JESUS' PARABLES ILLUMINATE OUR DARKEST DAYS

January 3 - Luke 11:5-13
THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

January 10 - Matthew 18:21-35
THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

January 17 - Matthew 13:24-30
THE POWER OF COURAGE

January 24 - Luke 14:16-24
THE POWER OF INVITATION

Countdown and Opening Video

Call to Worship | Running

Matt Crocker | Scott Ligertwood

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Ready at the line looking out
Looking out to all that's ahead
When ev'ry heart confesses Your Name
We're pressing on towards that day
We're never gonna stop we're never gonna stop

Letting go of ev'ry mistake
Throwing off the chains of restraint
All that will remain a passion for Your Name
Burning as we run this race
We're never gonna stop we're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop we're never gonna stop

We are (We're) running
Chasing after all that You are
We are running
'Cause all that You are is all that we want (Lord)

Ev'ry stride is taken in faith
Ev'ry step compelled by Your grace
We're taking up our cross
No matter what the cost
We give it all to go Your way
We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop (Chorus)

Woah woah woah

Onwards we draw towards Your light
Desp'rate we seek to know You more and more
Further we look beyond ourselves
To Your love
To Your love

Welcome | Tim Boone

O Come to the Altar

Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Steven Furtick | Wade Joye

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Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

A Modern Parable | FBC Drama Team

The Chains that Bind | Barbara Nelson

Scripture Reading (Matthew 18:21-35) | Susan Tatum

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.' ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Living Hope

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

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How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

"Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me" (x2)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Prayer | Brent McDougal

Sermon | Brent McDougal

**"Bright Hope: How Jesus' Parables Illuminate Our Darkest Days -
The Power of Forgiveness | Matthew 18:21-35**

Forgiven

David Crowder | Ed Cash
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I'm the one who held the nail
It was cold between my fingertips
I've hidden in the garden
I've denied You with my very lips
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand
You look at me arms open

Forgiven forgiven
Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to ev'ry sin
You are forgiven

I've done things I wish I hadn't done
I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen
Just the thought of Your amazing grace
And I cry Jesus forgive me
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand
You look at me arms open

I could've been six feet under
I could've been lost forever
Yeah I should be in that fire

But now there's fire inside of me
Here I am a dead man walking
No grave gonna hold God's people
All the weight of all our evil
Lifted away forever free
Who could believe who could believe

Forgiven forgiven
You love me even when I don't deserve it
Forgiven I'm forgiven
Jesus Your blood makes me innocent
So I will say goodbye to ev'ry sin
I am forgiven

Worship Through Giving and Benediction | Brent McDougal

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SERMONNOTES

"THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS"

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Forgiveness is never easy. In some situations, we may think it is impossible. Forgiveness always costs us something – our pride, our sense of justice, or our comfort in holding on to a past hurt. But failing to forgive is even more costly. We carry a burden too great for us.

Jesus loves us so much that He gave his life so that we would no longer have to bear the burden of sin. But He also unlocks a mystery for us, revealing that the forgiveness of our sins is linked to how we forgive others.

The parable of the unmerciful servant is the most famous story in literature on forgiveness. We may be tempted to think that forgiveness is impossible, but Jesus shows us why it is not.

Peter asks, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” He thinks he is being generous. But Jesus’ answer must have blown him away. “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” He then tells of a servant who refuses to forgive and the devastating consequences.

Who is the “Ryan Cushing” in your life? Name the relationship you most wish would get better or the person you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from.

Now listen to the parable’s teaching.

How can you discover the power of forgiveness?

First, consider how much you _____.

“No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you clean as freshly fallen snow (Isaiah 1:18, TLB).”

SERMONNOTES

“He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust (Psalm 103:12-14, NLT).”

Biblical forgiveness is _____.

How much has God forgiven you?

Now, consider how much is _____ to you.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:32, NIV).”

Choose _____.

We live in a world filled with guilt-ridden, hard-hearted, unforgiving people. But there is a population of people who have discovered the grace of God. God wants you in that crowd.

Is this message for you today?

Write out your response – your prayer – for what God has said to you.

SEASON OF PRAYER

FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



WEEKLY FOCUS: PURE WATER, PURE LOVE

WMU's Compassion Ministry, *Pure Water, Pure Love (PWPL)*, has a three-fold mission: to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water, and to supply missions teams with water filters for use on short-term missions trips. Throughout the world, people are at constant risk of contracting diseases or parasites from their water. Many are forced to carry heavy jugs of water for miles just to be sure their families have clean, healthy water. For others, the prospect of clean water is simply non-existent. With the help of hundreds of churches, PWPL provides thousands of water filters to missionary families and helps fund clean water projects.

You can help! www.wmu.com/pwpl

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement for missionaries during this pandemic. Many Baptist churches in countries around the world are sending missionaries to hard places to share the gospel and make disciples. This is a huge task, but it is not too big for God. He can do this and so much more. Pray this would be so, and petition for God's wisdom and guidance in where He is leading them to go. Many go with a small budget that funds a few years of ministry. Pray that gospel workers would have the prayer and financial support to serve long term and acquire the longevity that promotes healthy, reproducible churches.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study! You can come in person or watch the livestream on Facebook, YouTube, or our website (fbcknox.org). If you attend in person, please be prepared to follow social distancing rules and wear your mask. We look forward to seeing you there!



Youth Bible Study Resumes Tonight

Sundays, 6:30 - 8 pm | Trentham Hall

Youth Sunday Night Bible Study starts back up tonight! Our Bible leader, Megan Buerkle, will begin a five-week biblical finance study by Crown Financial Ministries called *YourLife: Finding Success Through Stewardship*. In this unit, teens will learn how to be faithful stewards with their finances. Bring your Bibles, wear your masks, and come ready to learn! You may also bring snacks to share with the group. Drinks will be provided.



First Community

Sunday, January 10 | 8:45 am | Trentham Hall

First Community is back! We are excited to resume this service, so join us on Sunday mornings for contemporary worship led by our First Community Band. Chairs will be spaced out six feet apart to help distance, and please be prepared to wear your mask. If you need **CHILDCARE** for ages three and below, remember, you must RSVP to Susan Tatum (statum@fbcknox.org) by Thursday at noon. This applies to both Sunday services. See you for worship!



Follow Along with the Sunday Bulletin!

Do you watch our services from home? If so, please be aware that the Sunday Bulletin is available online! With the bulletin, you can follow along with the service, participate in Brent's Sermon Notes, and check the Sunday Announcements. To access the Sunday Bulletin, visit our website (fbcknox.org), and under the "Media" tab, click "Publications." You may also copy and paste the following link: <https://fbcknox.org/media/view/publications/> Bulletins are uploaded to the website the Friday preceding the Sunday service.



Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Sunday School

Are you looking for a Small Group, Bible Study, or Sunday School class to join? There are options available to you! Contact the people below for info on the topics of study and how to connect each week. Everyone is welcome!

Virtual Zoom Sunday School Classes:

- Discovery Class: Cathy Campbell - docspot@chartertn.net
- Midway Class: Emily Plemmons - jimilyp@comcast.net
- Tatum Class: Alan Tatum - tatumba@comcast.net
- Young Adult SS: Tim Boone - tboone@fbcknox.org

In-Person Sunday School Classes:

- Calloway Class (Hill St. Training Room 120):
Bob Calloway - bcalloway@comcast.net
- Ruth Class (Education Building Room 301):
Jane Hall - jwhall29@aol.com
- Friendship/Nelson Class (Education Building 304):
Tammy Basiri - tammybakerbasiri@bellsouth.net



Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Youth Sunday Night Bible Study (6:30 pm, Trentham Hall):
Amy Evans - amydevans27@gmail.com
- TNT Calloway Small Group (1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5 pm, 230 Centre): Bob Calloway - bcalloway@comcast.net
- College & Young Professional Small Group Zoom (Tuesday, 6:30 pm): Tim Boone - tboone@fbcknox.org
- Children's Missions & Choirs Zoom (Wednesday, 6:30 pm):
Susan Tatum - statum@fbcknox.org

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the Sanctuary doors.

	Nov '20	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$134,663	\$689,348	Worship Total 104
Expenses	<u>\$122,107</u>	<u>\$620,948</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$12,555	\$68,400	



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