

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Malachi 1.1-5 // October 20, 2024

GOD'S UNRELENTING LOVE

Malachi was written shortly after Nehemiah had the walls rebuilt in Jerusalem, after the Jews were allowed to return to live, rebuild the Temple, and rebuilt their lives after a period of captivity. One would think morale would be high, but the Israelites had some cynicism and apathy creeping in as they looked back not with gratitude, but rather doubting God's love. He speaks to them to bring correction through Malachi in eight call and response mini-conversations.

For God, relationship always precedes requirement.

Their response, however, reveals their hearts: they doubt His love. They question whether or not God really does love them, essentially saying, "when was this? Prove it." A response like this in any human relationship would mark the beginning of the end for that relationship. Yet God is not deterred.

**At the root of every temptation and sin we entertain
is a doubt of God's love.**

GOD'S UNMERITED MERCY

The story of Jacob and Esau demonstrates that God is not restricted or controlled by human logic, persuasion, or intention. God has chosen to show mercy on whom He will have mercy, and He chose this *before* the foundation of the world, so that none could boast or make any claim that they somehow earned it.

Ephesians 2.8, 9

GOD'S UNBREAKABLE PROMISES

Interestingly, Herod the Great, who was a Jew appointed by Rome to be "king," but who really was a pawn for Rome, was not a biological Jew, but was actually an Edomite who converted to Judaism! It is no wonder why, when he heard of the "newborn King" who was *born as a Jew*, he was threatened. This is only one instance of God preserving His promises to His people.

Titus 3.3-7 // Romans 5.8 // 1 Corinthians 15.21-28 // Revelation 20.11-21.7

**When doubt and abandonment fill our hearts,
we preach to our own hearts,
"we will see the goodness of God,
for this battle belongs to Him."**

NOTES:

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 99:1-5

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 2.8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Malachi 1.1-5**. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

This whole exchange is filled with amazing Gospel truths, the depths of which can't be explored in one sermon or one CG night. Though the "lesson" of Jacob and Esau is complex, what Gospel truths from this example help bring the Gospel to your mind and heart when you are doubting God's love for you?

Your Life Mission

Jacob was not better than Esau, and Israel was not better than Edom. If you are saved and called a son or daughter of God, it is not by any stretch of the imagination that it is because there was something desirable in you that the Lord just had to have in comparison with others. What this means, also, is that *anyone and everyone* we meet is a "candidate" to receive God's mercy and love. The harvest is plenty!

What relationships are you hoping to share this Good News with? How can others be praying with you as you pursue those conversations?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises
so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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