

FAITHFUL DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12.3-11 // February 8, 2026

GOD'S DAILY, UNMERITED FAVOR

If we were to describe God's grace and favor, it likely would include almost exclusively a list of enjoyable gifts, such as peace, joy, and wholeness. But we don't realize that God's grace and favor is often given by means of things that *seem* or are *experienced* as negative. Consider a child enduring a form of discipline or difficult training. Two interpretations are possible:

Interpretation #1: "Mom and Dad hate me and don't want me to enjoy life and they take pleasure in my suffering."

Interpretation #2: "Mom and Dad love me so much and want me to grow, mature, and be healthy in the long run, so they are willing to bring about these challenges"

2 Corinthians 1.3-10

**I have learned to kiss the wave
that throws me upon the Rock of Ages.**

-C.H. Spurgeon

THE PATH IS A MEANS TO HIS GRACE

Sometimes growth in God's grace looks like being brought low: weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Does that sound like God's favor? Not really. Does that sound like God giving gifts to His children? It doesn't.

And yet, it is

2 Corinthians 12.9, 10 // 2 Corinthians 4.16-5.7

**We want the blessings, but we don't want the path.
We're lazy, and we don't trust God's design.
We want the reward, not the process.**

BUT WHY?

God sometimes makes it clear what or why He is doing a thing, and yet (most) often, He does not. But what He *does clearly reveal to us* is ours to behold and cherish. We can *know* that there are great purposes in all that He does.

2 Corinthians 12.9 // Hebrews 12.10 // 2 Corinthians 1.9 // Romans 8.18

Three Reason We Might Not Experience the Blessings of God:

1. The blessing is still being developed under the surface
2. The blessing is there, but we are looking for *different* blessings
3. We are too busy complaining and pushing back that we thwart the blessing

Psalms 32.8, 9

NOTES:

Announcements:

Men's Gathering: This coming Saturday, 2/14, from 7:30-8:30am, here at the school. We'll be talking over "Pride and Self-Righteousness" from the Abiding in the Vine Devotional. <https://lifemissionchurch.com/aitvm2d14/>

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalms 46.1-3

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 57:5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

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 reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 12.3-11**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does knowing and believing that God's love and grace *never* is withheld from us, even during hard times, times of sin, or dry seasons, change the way you go in and through those seasons? Why biblical truths or Scriptures give you reminders of that this is true?

Your Life Mission

Read **2 Corinthians 1.3-10**. How does this section of Scripture specifically give us perspective on how God even uses the experience of our own discipline or hard times in order to live out our own life mission as ambassadors for Christ?

What areas of life are you needing encouragement? Do you feel maybe you are being disciplined in some area, and you need others to help focus your lens?

What relationships or conversations are around the corner that you would like prayer for? Are there people in your life who need encouragement, maybe as they themselves go through a confusing time of trial or potential discipline from the Lord?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

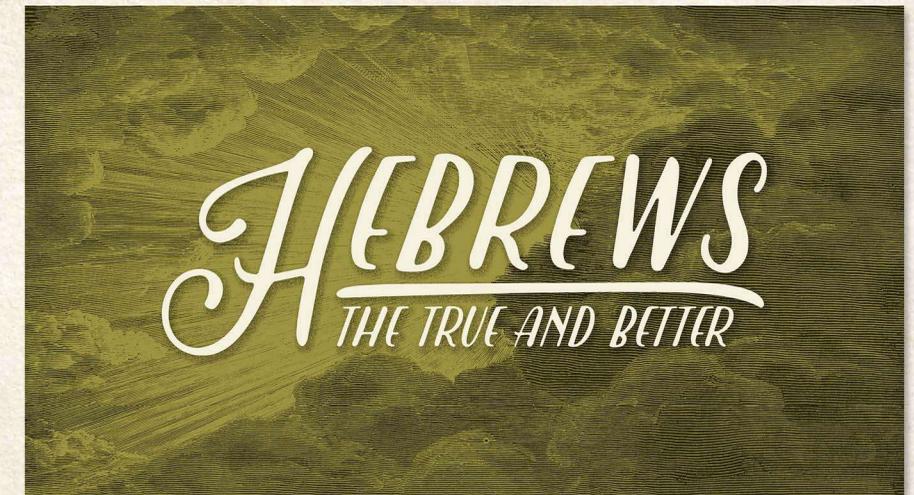
THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **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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