

“PASSIONS & GIFTS” Series

Message #4 of 4

“The Story of the Poor but Generous Church”

Living in the grace of God results in giving yourself to the Lord first, and his people second.

2nd Corinthians 8:1-5, 7, 9

January 31, 2016

Summary ...

Week 1 – Be a wise, sensible, prudent manager of God’s gifts, so people get into heaven.

Week 2 – I can trust God totally because He ... 1 – Knows Me Completely, 2 – Is with me Always, 3 – Has Made Me Wonderfully

Week 3 – God owns everything, and should be thanked for everything.

Week 4 – Living in the grace of God results in giving yourself to the Lord first, and his people second.

1. IMPRISONMENT: Macedonia in the Book of Acts –

- “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” – Acts 16:9
- “They dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities ... and ordered them to be stripped and beaten.” – Acts 16:19, 22
- “They dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials.” – Acts 17:5-6

2. SUFFERING: Paul’s Letters to Macedonia Churches –
(Thessalonica, Philippi, Berea)

- “You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering.” – 1st Thessalonians 1:6

- “You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews.” – 1 Thessalonians 2:14
- “Among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.” – 2nd Thessalonians 2:4
- “For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.” – Philippians 1:29-30

3. KNOW –

1. Know ***Their*** _____
2. Know ***Their*** _____
3. Know ***Their*** _____
4. Know ***Their*** _____
5. Know ***Your*** _____
6. Know ***Your*** _____

4. GRACE –

- “We want you to know about the grace that God has given.” – 2nd Cor. 8:1
- “See that you also excel in this grace of giving.” – 2nd Cor. 8:7
- “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – 2nd Cor. 8:9
- “And God is able to make all grace abound to you.” – 2 Cor. 9:8
- “The surpassing grace of God has (been) given (to) you.” – 2 Cor. 9:14

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or email cosumc@gmail.com.



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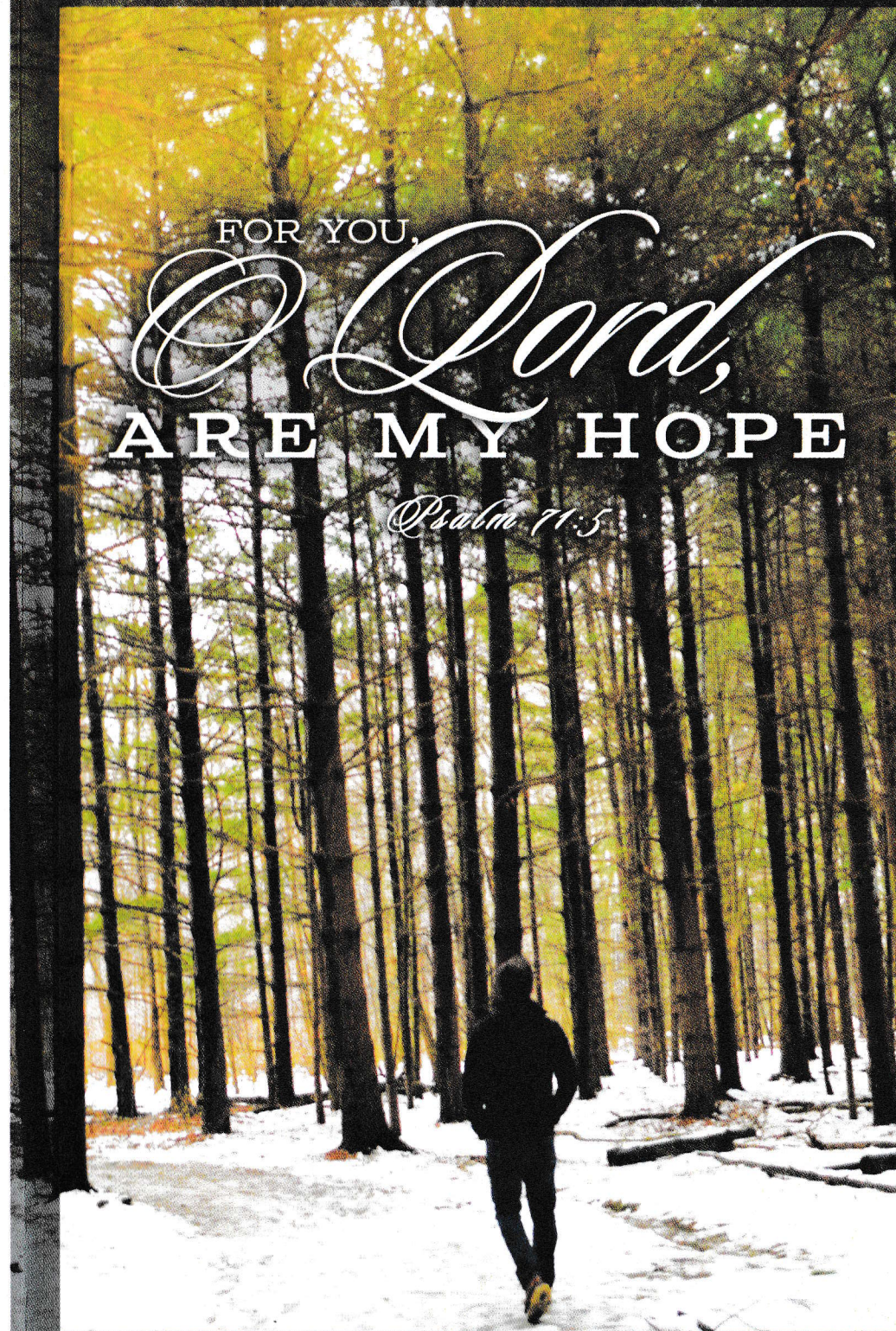
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Our Worship on January 31, 2016
Worship Leader: Chris Ulvin

Welcome! We appreciate your presence here today. As we gather together, may the Lord help each of us to love, adore, and worship Him. To make a Prayer Request, please use one of the slips in the seat pockets, and give it to an usher. We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*
Opening Devotion and Prayer
Singing Praises to Jesus
Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading: 2nd Corinthians 8:1-5, 7, 9 Bible Pg. 804
Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "The Story of a Poor But Generous Church."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Closing Song: "I Want to Know You."

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Jan 31st is the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany, The call to discipleship Jesus extended to his own disciples was a call to see, learn, and be able to name and respond to all the ways God's kingdom is happening among all people, starting where they were. It is a call to engage the whole world, not in opposition, but in wonder at the signs of God's love and power at work even, and especially, among the least likely (Read more about discipleship at www.umcdiscipleship.org).

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 AM – *Discipleship for Busy People* – Session 15
7:00 PM – Prayer Group

SATURDAY: Chrysalis Team Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 12th – Emmaus Meeting
Feb. 18-21 – Thursday – Sunday – Girl's Chrysalis Flight
Feb. 25-28 – Thursday – Sunday – Boy's Chrysalis Flight
Mar. 7th – American Red Cross Blood Drive - Noon – 6:30 PM
Mar. 20th – Palm Sunday
Mar. 25th – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – Prime Desert Woodlands
Mar. 27th – Easter Sunday Services
Apr. 22nd – Emmaus Gathering
Apr. 30th – North District Conference
May 19-21 – Conversational Prayer Workshop with Rev. Jeffrey Elmore

EXTRAS:

BIRTHDAYS: Jessica Peterson – Jan. 31st; Nathaniel Abrams – Feb. 4th.