

Sermon Notes – 08.02.2026 – Encouragement in Christ – “Us” Walking Together

Jesus Loved You Enough to Die on the Cross for the Forgiveness of Your Sins

Hebrews 12:2 “Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith”, “for the joy set before Him endured the cross.”

Jesus Loves Us – He Even Loved Us When You were Lost in Sin – This Must Be Believed

Romans 5:8-10 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Titus 3:4-6 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Jesus Loves You So Much that He Didn't Leave You the Way You Were. (Positional & Experiential)

The Lavish Invitation - Ephesians 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;” [Present]

Experiencing the Joy and Wonder of the Up and Out and the Onward and Upward

Colossians 3:5-6 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

Romans 8:12-13 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Colossians 3:12, 17 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Have an Open Heart to Receive the Work of Grace that the Patient God is Doing in Each of Us.

2 Peter 3:14-15, 17-18 “Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; ... 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Growing in God's Grace - Let the Holy Spirit bring the focus and set the pace

The Holy Spirit Convicts our Hearts and Reminds Us What Jesus Told Us

Kindly, Confidently, God Chose Us – That By His Grace, We Would Be Holy and Blameless

Ephesians 1:4-6 “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Holy – Consecrated, sacred, Pure

Blameless – morally unblemished, faultless

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God Makes Our Position Clear – What He Declares is Immediately True & We are Humbled

Positional and Experiential Truth - Experiential truth is the lived expression of positional truth. It is the process by which believers begin to live in accordance with how God sees them. This involves a conscious decision to “consider” or “reckon” oneself dead to sin and alive to God. Such reckoning is not mere wishful thinking or pretense but a deliberate act of faith that aligns one’s thoughts and actions with God’s Word.
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Through Grace – I Say to “Everyone” -

Romans 12:3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Humility – Our Confidence is Built on What Jesus is Doing in Us

Philippians 2:1-4 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Living this Life Together – Humbly Desiring Continual Improvement – Knowing We Can All Do Better.
There is No End to God - There is always much more that We as, “Imitators of God” can Set Our Hearts on..

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.