

Seasons



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FREE·DOM

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1. the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint
2. the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved

WELCOME TO CALVARY!

Freedom is a powerful and mysterious concept. It's not something you see, smell, hear, touch, or taste . . . at least not in a literal sense. But you *know* when it's there and when it's not.

This season, we'll be tracking the journey of God's people, the Israelites, as He delivered them from their slavery in Egypt into freedom in the Promised Land. From their journey, we'll learn how freedom goes well beyond the physical, as it's experienced in our innermost being and must be defended or it'll be lost.

Are there any areas in your life right now where freedom is distant or lacking? Where you feel trapped or stuck, like you're running in circles and not able to get where you need to? Our hope is that as you look through this *Seasons* magazine, the inspiring stories, articles, and reflective pieces will help you to experience, enjoy, and share the freedom God provides us through Jesus Christ in a way you didn't know was possible—and that you'll be equipped to defend it and help others experience it, too!



Who knows . . . maybe you take a class or join a group that puts you on a new path, maybe you invite someone to be part of your small group where you'll get to be part of their freedom story, or maybe you find that opportunity you've been looking for to reach your community and bring breakthrough into the lives of the people around you. But no matter what route you choose, we pray the Lord will guide you so you may "plant your feet firmly therefore within the **freedom** that Christ has won for [you]" (Galatians 5:1, emphasis added).

We can't wait to hear all about what God is doing in your life!

In Christ,
Doug and Suzanne Sauder

"I am the Lord, and I will deliver you." —Exodus 6:6

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This edition of *Seasons* focuses on the beautiful gift of freedom we find in a relationship with Jesus.

A Relationship With Jesus Changes Everything!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you're new to Calvary or not, we just want to take a moment to say welcome! We'd love to help you get connected to take your next step! The Connect Experience was created to be the perfect starting point just for you. Learn more at CalvaryFTL.org/Connect.

WAYS WE DO COMMUNITY

Discover all the ways you can be a part of the community here at Calvary by attending one of our weekend services, watch your faith grow with others by joining a group, and see how you can make a difference by serving.

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Scan with your phone to get the latest info on all that's happening here at Calvary!

A Look Back

Here are just a few awesome things that have happened around Calvary since last season!

2021 Thanksgiving Outreach



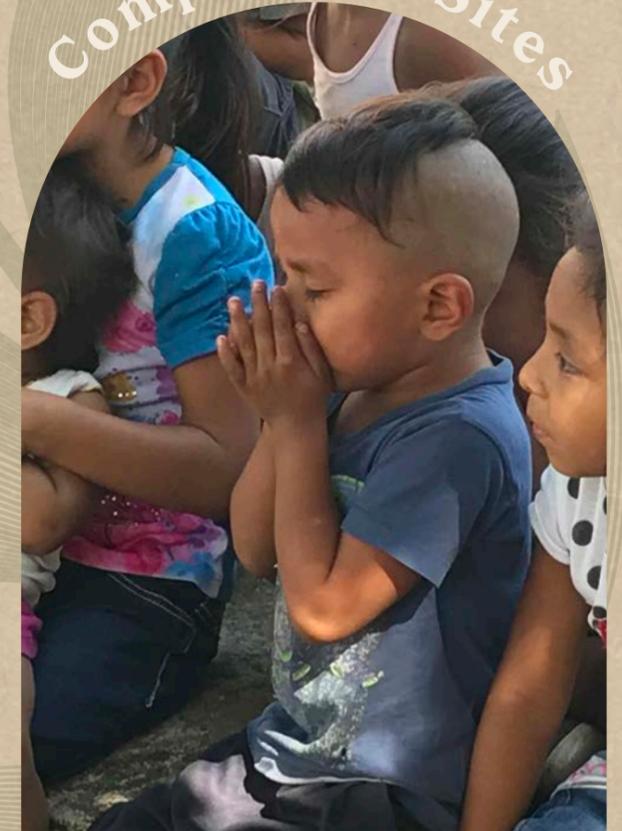
Through your generosity, more than **1,100 families** were blessed with a Thanksgiving dinner box and prayed over—**20 people gave their lives to Jesus** for the first time!

Celebration of Peace

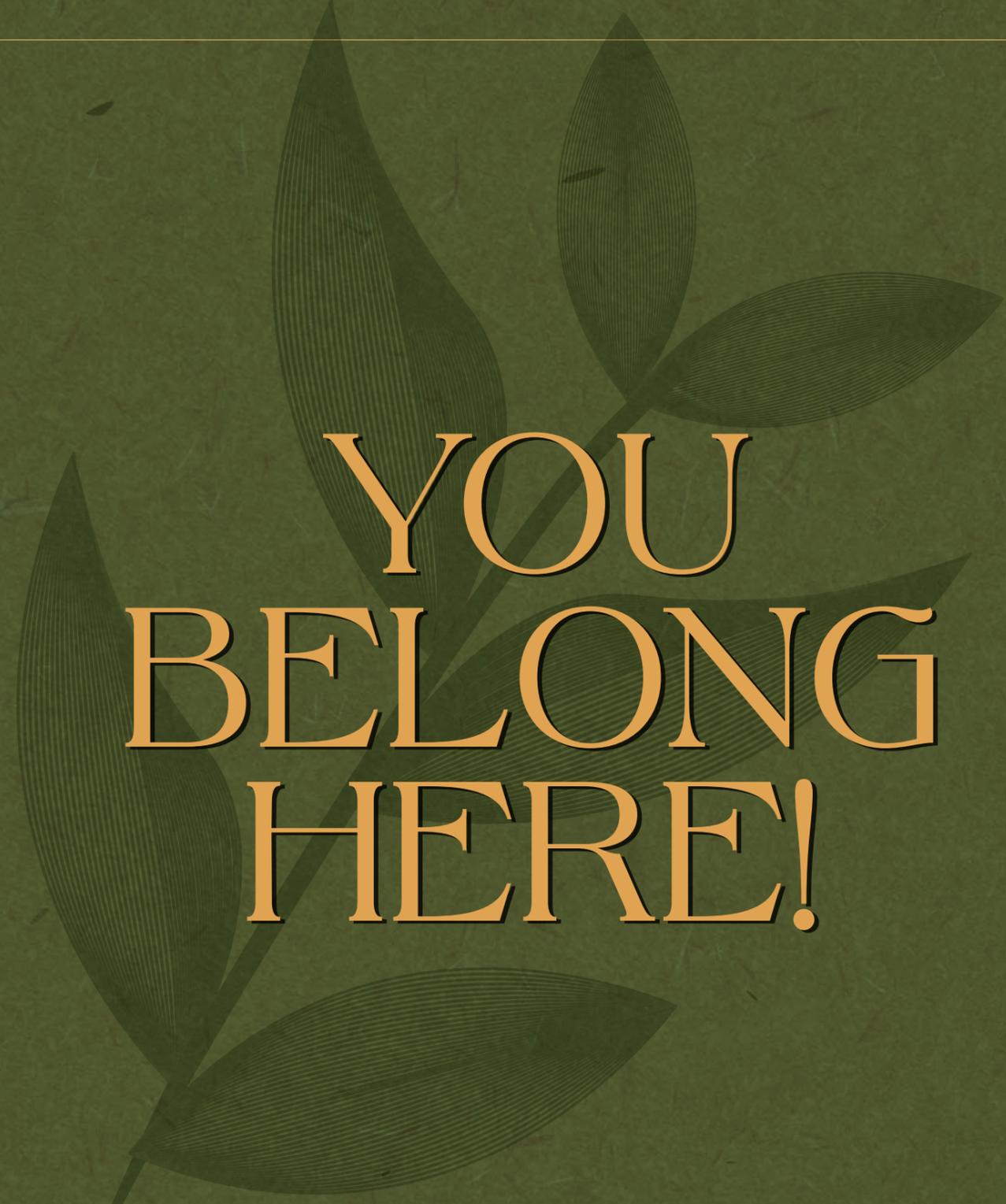


45,000 people in our community attended Celebration of Peace and got to experience the story of Christmas, some for the very first time, through lights shows, a live nativity, and an interactive gospel presentation!

Compassion Sites



This year during Missions Week, we celebrated the **launch of two Compassion sites**—one in El Salvador and one in Mexico—where two families of faithful missionaries are planted. These sites are propelling the mission to change our world with the gospel of Jesus!



YOU BELONG HERE!

Being part of a group is one of the most life-giving experiences you can add to your weekly rhythm. Find belonging, build friendships, grow spiritually, and enjoy the freedom God has given us through community!

Getting started is simple! Visit [CalvaryFTL.org/Groups](https://calvaryftl.org/Groups) to find the group for you!

EXODUS 101



EVERYONE LOVES A GREAT FILM OR BOOK . . .
the kind of story that draws you in and takes you on an epic journey. The Bible is full of stories like this, and chief among them is the story of Exodus!

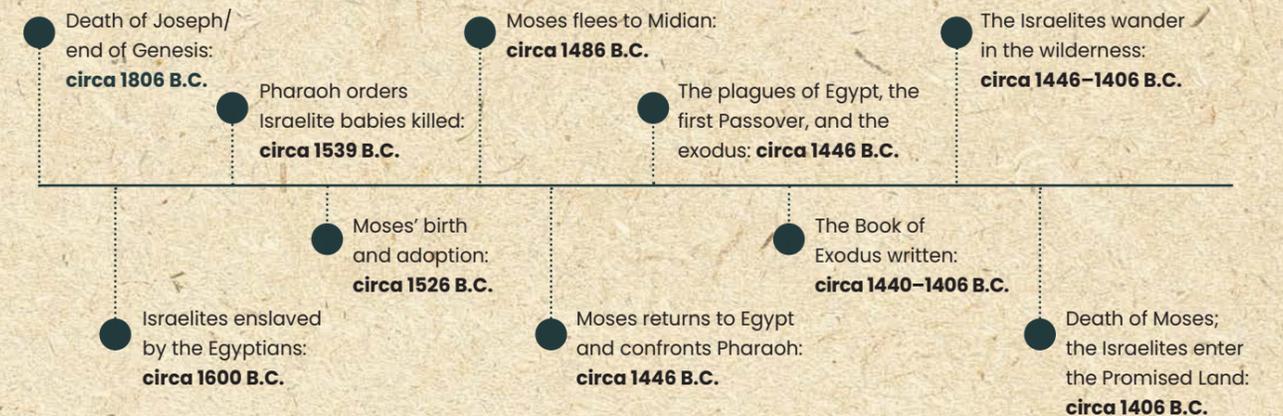
This season as a church, we'll explore this powerful book of the Bible through a seven-part sermon series. Go on a journey with Moses and the people of Israel as they find freedom from slavery in Egypt, wander through the wilderness, and finally come to the doorstep of the Promised Land. Along the way, we'll discover how the story of Exodus is our freedom story, pointing us to the greater freedom that is found in Jesus.

As we dive into this study,
here are a few things you need to
know about this amazing book.

Where Are We in History?

The Book of Exodus picks up 300 years after the conclusion of Genesis (the first book of the Bible that tells of the origin of the universe, humanity, sin, and God's plan to save us).

Time Line of Exodus



Key People in Exodus

GOD: In the Book of Exodus, we see the Lord demonstrate His mighty, miraculous power, bring justice and judgment against Egypt and the Pharaoh, free the people of Israel from oppression, and bring His people to the doorstep of the land He promised to their ancestors.

MOSES: Aside from Jesus, Moses is arguably the most well-known and prominent figure of the Bible. In Exodus, he is chosen by the Lord for a great task: to lead His people to freedom! Moses conveys God's will to the people of Israel,

negotiates with Pharaoh for Israel's freedom, passes God's laws on to the people of Israel, and even pleads for mercy on Israel's behalf when they anger God.

PHARAOH: There are two men who use this title in the Book of Exodus, both were chief antagonists in the first part of the Exodus story. The first enslaves the nation of Israel and commits genocide against the Israelite male children. The second continued the oppression of Israel and experienced God's judgment through the ten plagues.

Who Wrote Exodus?

Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, known as the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

What Are the Key Themes?

- Calling • The Tabernacle • God's Power • Deliverance and Freedom • God's Faithfulness •
- The Covenant • Moses, the Mediator and Type of Christ •

SEEING JESUS

IN EXODUS

Did you know the story of Jesus doesn't begin in Matthew 1? It actually starts all the way back in Genesis. Since creation, and all throughout the Old Testament, the Son of God and Savior of the world has been present, active, and revealing Himself to the watching world. Sometimes, His presence is physically seen like in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3, in the wrestling match with Jacob in Genesis 32, in the commander of the Lord's army in Joshua 5, or in key references made to "the angel of the Lord" in places like Judges 6 and 2 Samuel 24. Sometimes, we see Jesus through shadows and shades of the gospel, symbolic things meant to point us to the grander work

of God that was yet to come through Christ Jesus (e.g., Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22, the ark in Genesis 6–9, the story of David and Goliath).

The Book of Exodus contains the best of both worlds, providing us with some of the most stark and profound symbolic representations of Jesus, but also some very real instances of His physical presence. Here are just a few ways you can see not only Jesus show up in Exodus, but also how certain events and phenomena recorded in this epic journey point to the character of Jesus and the work He would accomplish thousands of years later.



Jesus, the Burning Bush

In Exodus 3, Moses sees a strange sight on Mount Horeb while out tending to his father-in-law's flock . . . a bush consumed by flames, yet not burning up. The fire that was burning but didn't consume the bush is Jesus Christ, who became a man and made His dwelling among us (John 1) in order that He could make His dwelling within us, to set us ablaze with the all-consuming fire and glory of God (Hebrews 12:29).

"God said to Moses, 'I am who I am . . . This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'"

—Exodus 3:14–15 (NIV)

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.'"

—John 8:58 (ESV)



Jesus, the Passover Lamb

The entire Passover celebration points to the saving work of Christ, but none more clearly than the spotless lamb whose blood was smeared over wooden door posts so the Lord would "pass over" those homes. His sacrifice passes us over from death to life; it delivers us from the slavery of sin into the true Promised Land—heaven.

"Take a lamb for his family . . . take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses."

—Exodus 12:3, 7 (NIV)

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

—John 1:29 (NIV)



Jesus, the Bronze Serpent

In the wilderness, the people sinned against God and it came back to bite them—literally. So, the people repented and then God provided healing through a serpent lifted up on the pole. As the people looked upon the serpent, they were healed and would live! Similarly, Jesus was lifted up on the cross so all those who would repent and look to Him would be saved!

"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived."

—Numbers 21:9 (NIV)

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes will have eternal life in Him."

—John 3:14 (NASB)



Jesus, the True Manna

The people were hungry in the wilderness. In fact, they were even contemplating whether they were better off as slaves in Egypt! Their tummies rumbled and their mouths grumbled—for all intents and purposes, they were “hangry.” So, God provided bread from heaven called manna. In John 6, after performing a miracle for the people by multiplying bread, Jesus reveals to them that He is the bread of heaven that gives life to all and satisfies everyone fully.

“I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.”

—Exodus 16:4 (NIV)

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

—John 6:35 (NIV)



Jesus, the Pillar of Cloud and Fire

In this wilderness journey, the Pillar of Cloud and Fire is a central figure guiding the Israelites. It manifested *before* the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and led them through the wilderness. It was a visible reminder for the Hebrews to see that God was with them and He would never leave them. During the last supper, Jesus tells the disciples He will be with them always, He will abide in those who abide in Him, and He is the way to the Father.

“By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.”

—Exodus 13:22 (NIV)

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

—John 14:6 (NIV)



Jesus, the Living Water

Once again, the Israelites were complaining, only this time it was of thirst. So, God instructed Moses to strike a rock so water would pour out for the people to drink. When water gushed out from the rock, we’re again pointed to the New Testament. In John 4, Jesus declares that whoever receives Him will never thirst again! When Jesus was on the cross, He was thirsty and was struck/pierced for our sins. Because of this, we can drink from the waters of His grace that flow from His saving work on the cross.

“Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.”

—Exodus 17:6 (NIV)

“Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”—John 4:14 (NIV)



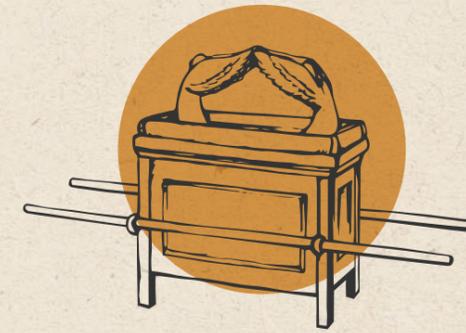
Jesus, the Word of God

On the mountain, God gave Moses His Word, which reveals His character, nature, heart, mind, and will. And He commanded His people to live by this life-giving Word and obey it. In John 1, we’re told that Jesus Himself is the Word of God incarnate, who reveals the fullness of God to us and says those who obey His Word are called His friends and will be saved!

“When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets . . . his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.”

—Exodus 34:29 (NIV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”—John 1:1 (NIV)



Jesus, the True Tabernacle

The tabernacle was the dwelling place of God’s presence, the tented palace for Israel’s divine King! Each item and color within it shows us a different aspect of who He is. It was His house. Jesus; however, was the true tabernacle who made His dwelling among us and served as high priest over the house of God. After His full and final sacrifice on the cross, the temple was torn down and raised up three days later!

“Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.”

—Exodus 26:30 (NIV)

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us . . . Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

—John 1:14; 2:19 (NIV)



Jesus, the Greater Moses

Moses was God’s chosen, the one who would deliver the people from their chains of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land and the mediator between God and His people. But he was merely a preview of the One to come who would deliver us from our sins into the eternal kingdom of God and who would be our perfect mediator between us and God.

“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

—Exodus 3:10 (NIV)

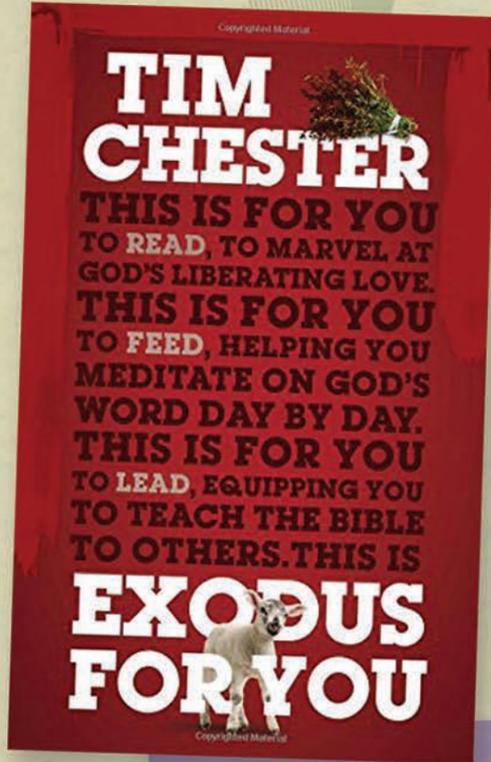
“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

—1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV)

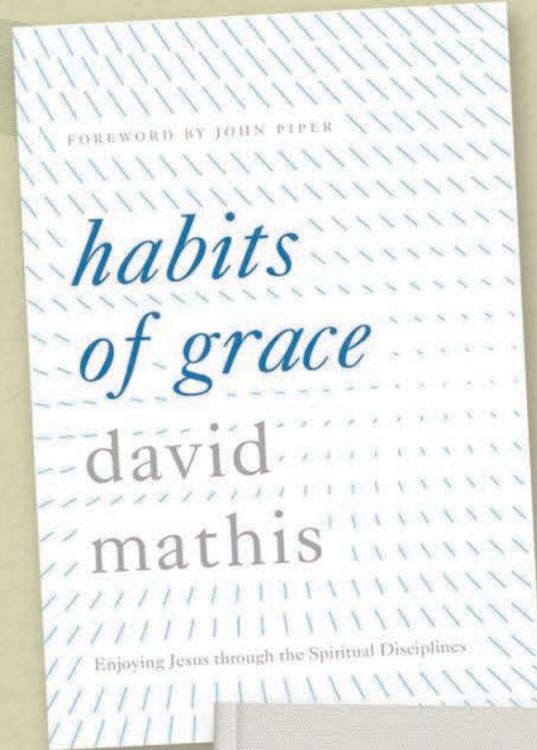
Learn more at Resources.CalvaryFTL.org/Exodus.

Book Recommendations

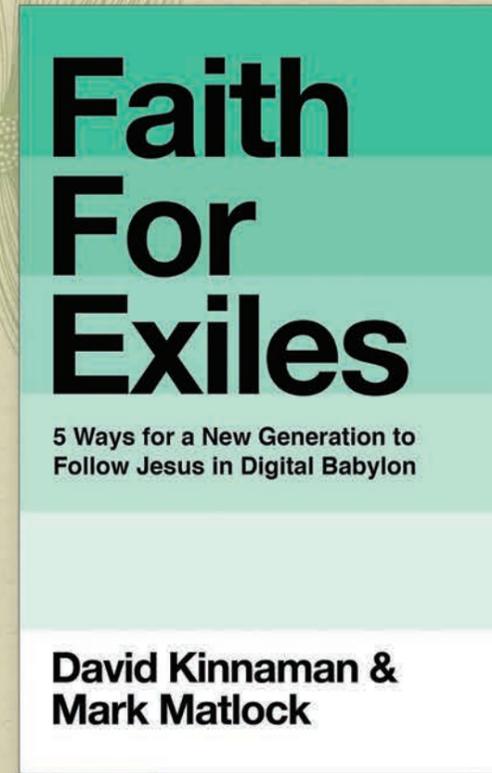
Here are a few good reads to enjoy this spring and summer!



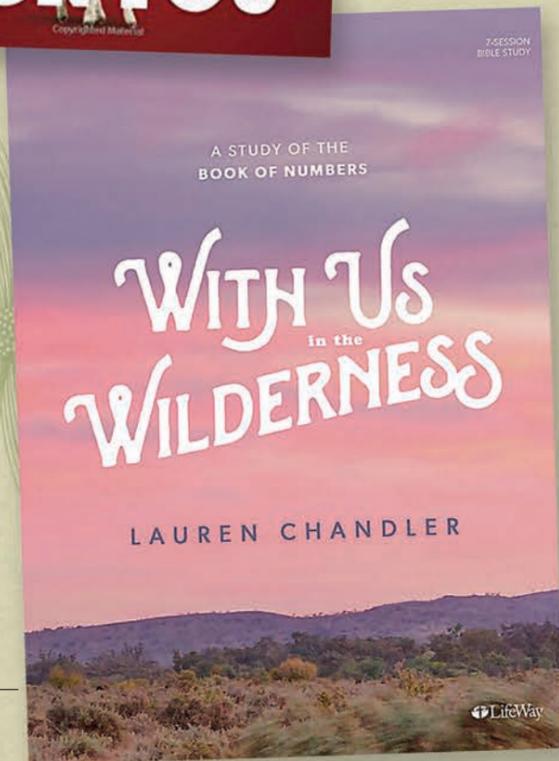
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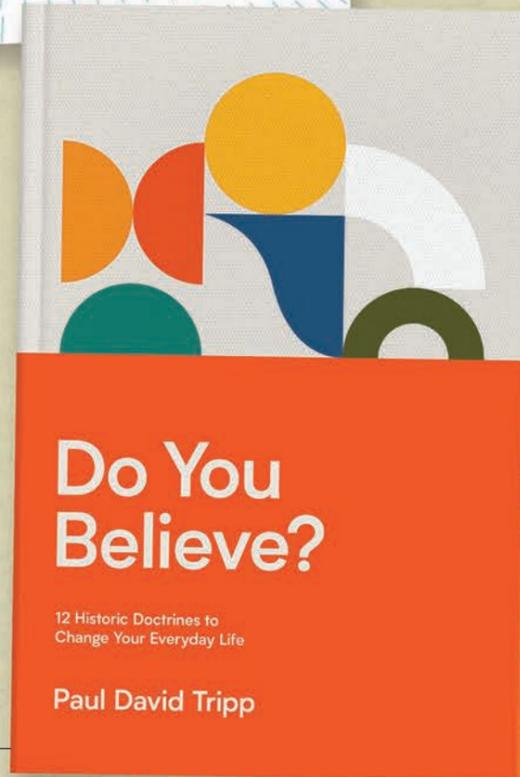
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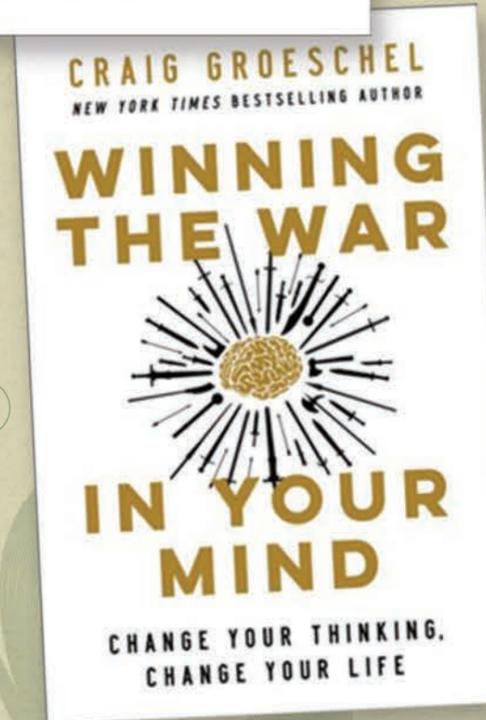
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GENEROUS CAFE & BOOKSTORE

- 1. Exodus for You** by Tim Chester
This is a wonderful companion piece to our study through Exodus as it unpacks very deep concepts in easy-to-understand ways and shows us how this story is so relevant today!
- 2. Habits of Grace** by David Mathis
This book will help you discover how to cultivate habits that will help you experience God's love, grace, and power on a deeper level!
- 3. Faith for Exiles** by David Kinnaman & Mark Matlock
This is a great read for teens and young adults who are trying to navigate culture and live faithfully.
- 4. With Us in the Wilderness** by Lauren Chandler
This is an awesome small group study guide through the Book of Numbers that continues the story started in Exodus and helps us recognize God's presence and character in hard seasons.
- 5. Do You Believe? 12 Historic Doctrines to Change Your Everyday Life** by Paul David Tripp
Does what you believe influence how you're living? This powerful book takes 12 core beliefs of Christianity, breaks them down in easy-to-understand ways, and explains how they can impact our everyday lives!
- 6. Winning the War in Your Mind** by Craig Groeschel
This book provides practical strategies that will free you from the grip of harmful, destructive thinking and enable you to live the life of joy and peace that God intends you to live.

“ADDICTION USED TO BE AN ALL-CONSUMING PART OF MY LIFE, BUT BECAUSE OF MY FAITH I’VE BEEN ABLE TO RECOVER AND FIND FREEDOM.”

—JOHN
Boca Raton

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to **set the oppressed free.**”*

—LUKE 4:18 (NIV)

There’s hope for you if you’re struggling with addiction. To learn more, please visit CalvaryFTL.org/Recovery.



Fun Activities to Enjoy This Summer

Want to make this the best summer EVER for your kids? Check out all the awesome events, camps, and activities available for kids and teens this year! From sports, fine arts, and STEM camps to life-changing events like Youth Encounter and Kids Conf, there's something for everyone!



Join a Calvary Christian Academy Summer Camp

Did you know that CCA offers summer camps for kids ages 4-17? CCA has camps focusing on school subjects, STEM, fine arts, and athletics—so, there's something for everyone! These camps are fun, educational, and give your kids an opportunity to make friends with similar interests.

Learn more at CCAEagles.com/Summer.

Visit Ramp48



If you have a skateboarder in your house or a kid who wants to learn, take them to Ramp48! Ramp48 is an indoor skatepark located on the west side of the Fort Lauderdale campus next to the CCA athletic fields. You and your family can have a blast at this indoor skatepark that has a well-stocked pro shop and includes a street course, bowl, halfpipe, 13 ft. vert ramp, and more. There's something for everyone, regardless of style or ability.

For hours and information, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Ramp48.

Attend Youth Encounter



Youth Encounter South Florida is a three-day, summer experience for middle and high school students featuring worship, teaching, breakout sessions, fun activities, and much more!

For info and to sign up, visit YESF.info.

Kids Conf

Attend the Kids Conference

Your kids are world changers! Give them a fun event to go to that will encourage them in their giftings. Kids Conf is one of the best events of the summer for your elementary child! This fun event includes inspirational Christian speakers, games, and group activities.

For info and to sign up, visit CalvaryFTL.org/KidsConf.

Go on a Photo Scavenger Hunt Around Your Neighborhood



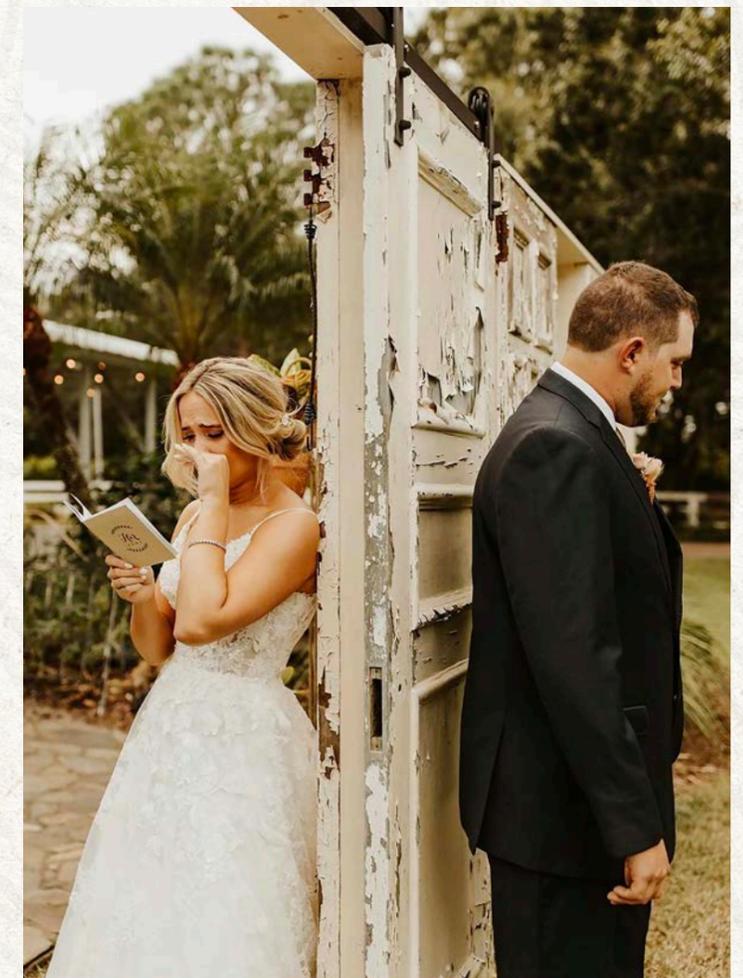
Make a list of items found around your neighborhood and go out in pairs or small groups. Then, take pictures of all the things on the list with your phone. The group that gets the most pictures or gets all of them the fastest wins. Some ideas for the list: a bicycle, three types of flowers, something red, or an iguana. Use this as an opportunity to meet a neighbor and build relationships in your community by inviting them to join you!

A Legacy of Honor & Discipleship

Every year, the Calvary Christian Academy Discipleship Team and high school administrators work hard to put on a two-day retreat for 10th graders centered around the theme of honor. The goal is to help students unpack what it means to honor the Lord, their parents, siblings, and friends, as well as show honor and integrity in the context of romantic relationships.

During one part of the retreat, the boys and girls split into separate groups. The girls get to hear from a special speaker about the commitment her and her husband made to honor the Lord in their dating relationship. Following this talk, the girls create memory boxes that reflect their individuality. The purpose of this box is for them to collect meaningful keepsakes, one of which is an honor letter they can either write to their future selves or their future spouse.

Recently, a CCA parent shared how when her daughter was married she and her husband did a blind vow reading. She said, "My daughter saved her letter from the 10th grade retreat to read as part of her vow for when she was to be married. We had no idea she had this in mind. As parents of three children attending CCA all the way through, it makes our hearts happy to see that the moments and memories here have touched our children in ways we didn't even know. We're thankful for God's faithfulness in their lives. What more could a parent want then for their children to love and follow Jesus. **Thank you CCA!**"



CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Interested in having your Pre-K through 12th grade child(ren) discover their God-given purpose and grow in their faith at Calvary Christian Academy? Sign up for a campus tour today at CCAEagles.org/Tour.

You're Never Too Young to Make a Difference

*Campus Missionaries Changing Lives
in South Florida Schools*



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”

—1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

One of the biggest lies the next generation can believe is that they can’t make an impact because they’re young. Calvary is passionate about the next generation because Jesus was, and that’s why it’s important to create opportunities for the students of our church to commit to sharing the love of Jesus on their campuses where they might be one of the only influences available.

One such campus missionary is Danielle Anderson, who attends a local public school where the gospel is highly opposed. She serves on her student government where she works to help her student body.

“My job is go out and try my best to spread the love of Jesus Christ. In my school, this can be difficult because it’s really divided—everybody has their own cliques, and there’s a clear separation of people because of what they believe in and what they want to do with their lives. Nobody really wants to integrate with anyone. So, my hope is to spread the gospel to these already divided people,” shared Danielle.

With Danielle’s role in student government, she works with people who have vastly different beliefs than hers, but she still makes a point to invest in having relationships with them. “I’m really grateful to know them, and I look at it as having open-door opportunities. They’re my friends, and they don’t back away from me just because I go to church or talk about God. They’re really amazing people who don’t judge. I feel so many opportunities have presented themselves where I’ve been able to have conversations with them about Christ. It’s been really cool.”

Danielle has also been a massive advocate for bringing in more Christian clubs and opportunities at her school. “Our school board will often shut things down that have a religious affiliation because they don’t want to offend anyone—and it can sometimes feel like nothing will ever change. It’s important they know the decisions they make have a negative effect on us and they need to do a better job of representing religious groups the way they represent other groups. We want the freedom to start a Christian club without having to worry about it being shut down.”

As a campus missionary, Danielle has taken on an essential role in her community, which can be scary. But she encourages those who are interested in doing the same for their schools to not let fear get in the way because they can make a huge impact. **“People get one life, so just go and do it. It doesn’t matter what people think. Here’s what I live by: If I’m a Christian, people are going to talk, and if I’m not Christian, they’re still going to find something to say about me. So, I might as well just live the way God has called me to. People notice when you live like Jesus—and that can make a huge difference in their lives.”**

Such wise words from someone so young and influential!



Get connected with your campus’ youth services by visiting CalvaryFTL.org/Visit and selecting your campus!

Impact the Next Generation this Summer

Kids Conf

Kids Conference and the Quest for Valor

Wednesday, June 29–Friday, July 1

Cost: \$25 Before May 1; \$39 Thereafter

Looking for ways to keep your kids busy this summer? Make it the best summer ever by signing them up for Kids Conf! Your kids will have a blast at this three-day event full of friendship, worship, and learning to make their faith their own.

Grab your early-bird tickets at CalvaryFTL.org/Kids!



Cynthia's Story: More Than a Simple Backpack

Generosity Brings Joy!

At the close of each summer, the Back-to-School Backpack Outreach gives you the opportunity to provide hope and school supplies one backpack at a time! Last year was a special year for Cynthia, a mom of two, who received two backpacks for her children after attending a service at Calvary. She was invited to Calvary by a friend who told her about the outreach, and she accepted Jesus that night along with her children! Cynthia connected with the volunteer who gave her the backpacks and shared, "I have goose bumps." All because of a simple invitation and the need for backpacks for school, an entire family was eternally impacted.

Whether you've participated in this outreach before or simply watched lives change from afar, this yearly opportunity can make a great impact! It may seem like a small act, but each backpack can help:

- Boost the self-esteem of children from vulnerable communities because they'll be able to attend school with all the resources they need
- Strengthen marriages and families by providing relief and peace of mind to couples and single parents in need
- Open doors to share the gospel with kids and families, as well as the education system as we partner with various South Florida public schools 🌞



LAST YEAR:

- Because of your generosity **OVER \$23,000** backpacks were gathered and distributed!
- **OVER 1,660** were collected and distributed throughout July and August 2021!



Spread generosity and the love of Jesus this year by visiting CalvaryFTL.org/Give.



Youth Encounter 2022

Wednesday, July 27–Saturday, July 30

Cost: \$49 Before May 1; \$99 Thereafter

Give your kids the best summer ever by signing them up for the biggest youth event of the year! This three-day experience allows middle and high school students to connect with others, enjoy amazing worship, teaching, breakout sessions, fun activities, and much more!

Grab your early-bird tickets at YESF.info.

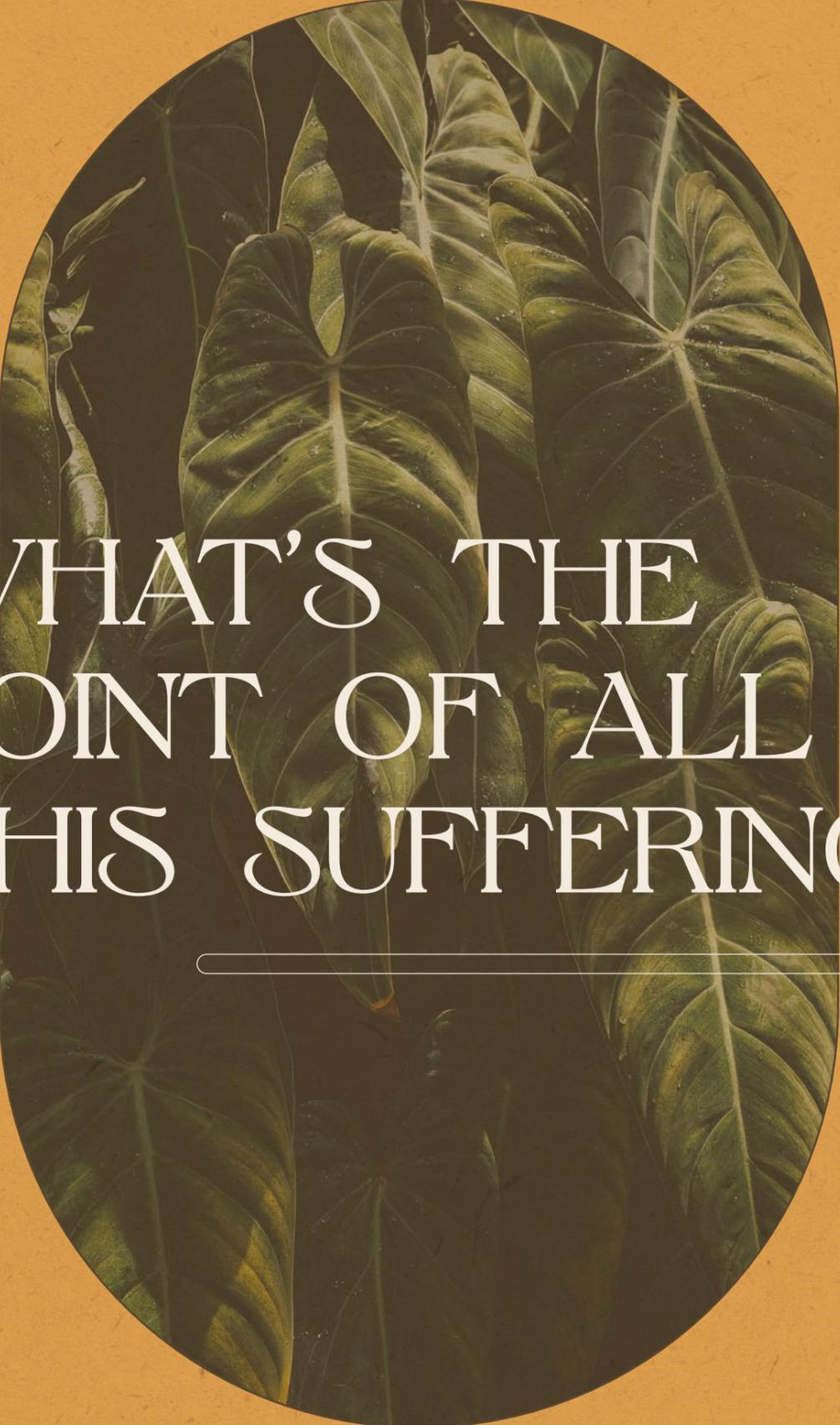


God has delivered me
from
FEAR

- *Maria*
Winter Garden

"For God has not given us
a spirit of fear, but one of
**power, love, and sound
judgment.**"

—2 Timothy 1:7
(CSB, emphasis added)



WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL THIS SUFFERING?

Life is hard—the fatal diagnosis from the doctor, the paperwork ending your marriage, the conversation with your boss who tells you to pack your things, the adult child who keeps you awake at night with worry, and on and on. What's the point?

You may be experiencing something like this or something even worse. You may have heard from a friend that God is punishing you. You may feel like God is silent or apathetic to your pain. None of these responses are helpful or biblical.

First of all, we're so sorry for any suffering you're currently enduring. There's no perfect answer to why you're suffering and when it will end, but please know that suffering has a purpose. Here are some explanations and thoughts to help inspire, comfort, and spark hope in you.

Suffering is inevitable.

The concept of suffering is not one that's foreign to our Savior, Jesus Christ. On the contrary, it's inevitable. For Jesus, He knew He'd have to suffer when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before He died. "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39 NIV). His death on the cross allowed us to have a relationship with God. His glorious resurrection was a part of God's plan all along.

Suffering is a result of sin, but there's hope!

Suffering was not a part of God's original design, but because of Adam and Eve's first sin, we're all susceptible to the effects of sin, and death. But God had a plan. Suffering is not the end of our story. Jesus guaranteed His followers they'd have trouble in this

world and then said, "But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 NIV).

Suffering produces glory.

This is the pattern we see over and over again in the Bible. Every hero endured and overcame a difficult trial. For example, let's take a look at Moses. As a baby, he was given away during a mass genocide. He was found by an Egyptian princess and, although he was a foreigner, he was raised as royalty. As a young man, he committed murder. He ran away and spent decades in the desert, where he eventually encountered God—the GREAT I AM—in the burning bush. Moses was then called to lead God's people out of slavery from the family that raised him. He experienced the plagues, which increased in severity and which God used to demonstrate His power and sovereignty. When it seemed like there was no way forward, Moses led God's people into freedom through the Red Sea. For years after, they wandered in the desert, and Moses never did enter the Promised Land. Talk about suffering! Moses' life was marked by it. **But his suffering had purpose—to free the entire nation of Israel and to give God glory.** It was God who showed up faithfully throughout his life, and He shows up faithfully throughout ours, too.

Suffering points to God.

When everything is going well in life, it's easy to forget about God because we don't need Him. All around the world, people have great needs and experience so much suffering—and these people are the most receptive to God. God is sovereign, faithful, good, loving, powerful, and kind. As we suffer, He draws close to us. He is our Redeemer. He specializes in

taking hurting people and broken things and making them beautiful. We all want a miracle, but we don't want to be in a position to need a miracle. In our suffering, we need to wait until God shows up and does something about it! God redeems all of it, and He provides comfort, strength, peace, and patience in the midst of it all.

Suffering isn't always only about you.

As we see in Moses' life, his suffering made a way for God's people to be free. In the same way, our suffering can be used for others. Oftentimes, in areas where we've overcome a difficult situation, we're able to comfort others who are going through similar experiences. It's been said that our test becomes our testimony.

The New Testament writers explore this topic of suffering at length. And what do they reveal? Suffering is a litmus test to the strength and genuineness of our faith (1 Peter 1:3–7) and it produces perseverance, character, and hope (Romans 5:1–5). Perseverance also develops character and brings maturity (James 1:2–3,12). And best of all, because of Jesus, in the end all our suffering will give way to a joy beyond anything we could ever imagine! ☀️

Whatever season you find yourself in, we hope and pray you're prepared and encouraged for whatever is to come. But we also want you to know you don't have to suffer alone! If you're struggling, need prayer, or just need someone to talk to, please contact us at **954-977-9673**.

MY FREEDOM JOURNEY

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."—Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

Our hearts are prone to wander and seek value in things other than God. But God made a way for our freedom in Jesus. What are some areas in your life where you might need freedom from idols? In the blank lines provided, fill in the blank with a word or phrase that makes the most sense to you.

I spend the majority of my day daydreaming about _____.

My greatest desire in this life is to have/be _____.

I need freedom from _____.

If I don't have (or someday get) _____ in my life, I think I'll be miserable.

I worry a lot about losing (or not ever having) _____.

I feel safest when I know I have (or can obtain) _____.

I spend a lot of time looking up _____.

Jesus has given me freedom from _____.

Write out a personal prayer asking God to give you freedom and breakthrough in the areas of your life where you need it.

*"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
—1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)*

Cut this out along the dotted line, hang on a wall (your refrigerator, your mirror, or someplace where you will see it often), and pray about what God is leading you through.

“GOD HAS GIVEN
ME FREEDOM FROM
THE DEEP SHAME I
USED TO CARRY.”

“So now there is
no condemnation
for those who belong
to Christ Jesus.”

—Romans 8:1
(NLT, emphasis added)

—Jane
Fort Lauderdale

FOR THE ONE

Our vision is simple: to reach our community and change our world. And we do that by going after the one—the one child in foster care looking for a loving home, the one person struggling with an addiction not sure how to get help, the one marriage that is about to hit rock bottom.

Who's the one person in your life who needs hope and peace? Don't miss your chance to show someone how a relationship with Jesus can change everything! Join the Calvary Vision today at **CalvaryFTL.org/Vision**.



FOSTERING FREEDOM

God Leading a Family to Freedom Through Foster Care

The Israelites' departure from Egypt took them on a journey into uncharted territory, but in the midst of the unknown, God revealed Himself present and powerful to provide. Celine Souza's story is no different. Her and her husband's "yes" to being foster parents took them on a journey they hadn't anticipated, yet God showed up time and again reminding them He was with them.

Since Celine's former job, which helped girls transition out of the foster care system, Celine and her husband have had a heart for children in foster care. She explained, "I was working at Taylor's closet. At the time, they offered mentoring programs for girls who were aging out of foster care. It really opened my heart to want to foster children and it stayed in my heart until my husband and I felt it was the right time for us to take the step to foster." Their desire to get involved became a reality in 2019 when they became foster parents. In their first year, they cared for six young children.

As they poured God's love into each child, they witnessed a breakthrough and freedom in each one of their lives. One child was a toddler who had a special impact on their family. He started out apprehensive and worried about food. Celine shared, "He would always overeat, but little by little, we saw him worry less about food because he knew it was going to be there." Over time, with consistent love, safety, and provision, he found freedom from this fear.

As Celine and her husband cared for each child, they also experienced breakthrough and freedom of their own. Prior to fostering, Celine had lost two sons of her own. Through fostering, seven boys have come into her life. "I feel like God really brought healing to my heart, you know, in this sore place that was still difficult—to take care of little boys. So yes, it has brought freedom and healing in ways only God can do." The grace and power of God became evident for Celine and her husband as they relied on God day by day to parent each child with love and grace. 🌿

If you feel called to foster, pray and consider taking a class to learn more about foster care. Trust God's mighty hand in the process as you discern His call. As God used Moses to lead His people toward freedom, God can also use you to bring hope and freedom to children in need.

To learn more about how you can change the lives of kids in South Florida, please visit CalvaryFTL.org/Foster-Care.





ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

*Church Planting
in Pembroke Pines*



If you want to learn more about Pastor Jon or attending the Pembroke Pines campus, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Pembroke-Pines.

If you're interested in the Church Planting Team, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Vision.

When God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses was brought back full circle to the place he grew up. In many ways, he felt unequipped, unworthy, and scared. However, God gave him the ability and paved the way for His plans to bring the Israelites to freedom!

Over the last year, Jonathan Gomez, the pastor at the new Pembroke Pines church plant, was brought back full circle to the place he grew up where his dad was a pastor. We had a chance to sit down with him and hear how God brought him to where he needed to be to take the lead on planting a new church in the Pembroke Pines area.

Q: So, can you tell us a bit about your journey up to this point?

Pastor Jonathan: Of course! I was born into a Christian home. When I was young, we moved around a lot because of ministry—my dad was a pastor at some Spanish-speaking churches. We lived in Colombia for a few years, then we moved to New York where my dad did the majority of his ministry. In 1997, we moved to Miami and planted a church in that area. Even though there's not a time in my life where I didn't know God, there was a specific moment in 2009 when I definitively drew the line in the sand at a Calvary service. During that service God changed my heart, and I dedicated my life to Him that day. Shortly after that, Olivia and I got married. Today, we've been married for 12 years and have three children: Nathaniel, Jonah, and Evangeline.

Q: That's really cool to see how even though you always felt like you knew God, you still had that moment with Him later on where you felt as though He was calling you towards Him. Do you feel like you had a specific moment like that when He called you to plant a church?

Pastor Jonathan: Oh, absolutely! I never had any intention of becoming a pastor. People don't believe me when I say that, but it's true. There was a part of me that never felt good enough for God. I always felt like I had to be the best I could be to be worthy of Him and His calling, but there came a time when God

snapped me out of that mindset. I was serving at the Plantation campus, which was my family's home church, and one day Pastor Chris Baselice started talking about the Calvary Vision. He told the congregation, "If you're feeling called to plant a church, come and talk to me." That moment really spoke to me, and I felt a nudge in that direction. Over the next few weeks, I took some time to pray about it—and I just couldn't get it out of my head. So, a few weeks later I went to Pastor Chris and spoke with him about it, and he got me plugged in so I could begin my leadership journey.

Q: We love hearing how God spoke to you in such a noticeable way. What drew you to Pembroke Pines? Why that neighborhood and that community specifically?

Pastor Jonathan: I'm actually from around that area, so I felt really familiar with it, but I also looked into how the community was being served and was astonished with what I learned. I pulled some statistics on Pembroke Pines and found that even though it represents 10% of the population in South Florida, only 6% of the churches were in that area. Also, it's the second largest city besides Fort Lauderdale with more than 170,000 residents. That told me there were plenty of people to reach and not enough churches, so there was definitely a need there.

Q: Since opening this campus, have you seen God move in any specific ways throughout this community?

Pastor Jonathan: We actually had something amazing happen during our very first service! A woman was walking past our location, realized church was happening in a movie theater, and became so curious she came in. For the *first time* in her life, she walked into a church. During the service, she realized she needed God and got saved that day! That wouldn't have happened if we weren't doing stuff like this and planting churches in the communities that need Jesus. ☀️

What an incredible story and time with Pastor Jonathan. It's amazing how God called him to plant a church, bringing his story full circle.

FIGHTING MACHISMO

HOW GOD IS ERADICATING
INJUSTICE IN CAJABAMBA

AN UPDATE FROM AILEEN & HER FAMILY

Cajabamba is a beautiful rural town centered between many mountains, so secluded and obscure that most Peruvians don't know of its existence. It can blind you with its tranquility and simplicity of agricultural living. You can feel a sense of home and safety at every corner. You quickly become familiar with every smile you see and every "hello" you hear. Still, underneath that first layer, is the frightening darkness that has imprisoned this wonderful community for so long: injustice.

After living here for over eight years, I've been able to peel back some layers and found just how bad it really is. Women are beaten by their partners due to underserved jealousy. They're also murdered and poisoned for simply saying "no." Young girls, as young as you can imagine, are beaten and sexually abused by a relative or stepfather. Teenage girls are assaulted as they work in the fields. In too many cases, we see these victims silenced, ashamed, and in bondage to their abuser. They don't believe in justice. They've experienced injustice from their abuser, the government, fellow neighbors, and male family members. They've experienced too much machismo to think they have rights or an identity. Machismo is a Spanish word that describes the attitude and entitlement that men have over women, which is why most men believe they need to hit their women to get them in line and why most women accept that kind of behavior as normal.

One of the heartbeats within the Calvary Vision is rooted in global missions, and we have the opportunity to partner with incredible global missionaries like Aileen Alegre. Aileen works with Calvary Chapel Cajabamba, nestled in the mountains of Peru, helping to reshape their community with the love of God. We had the opportunity to hear an update on how God is changing their community forever.

In rural communities like Cajabamba, machismo is a disease that runs rampant and unchecked . . . until now. God has begun to expose this dangerous disease using the voices of victims. God started opening doors about five years ago when nurses and doctors recognized us as the church that helps victims of abuse and abandonment. We had no idea we had gained that reputation until the Social Justice Committee called us to join them in this battle. Members of this committee included many heads of government departments.

Everyone at Calvary Chapel Cajabamba was amazed God had opened this door for us. So, we began working closely with these entities to rescue victims from their abusers. They would call us whenever they needed to provide victims with clothing, food, and a place to stay. We provided them with a hotel room for a long time, but then God moved in the hearts of the people in our church, and they began opening their homes for these victims. They not only provided them with a comfy bed and a warm meal, but they also made them part of their family, shared the gospel of **freedom**, and

trained them in whatever skill they had so they could gather the pieces of their lives and make something of themselves.

We had no idea what God had in mind when He started showing us the depravity of our beautiful home, Cajabamba. We felt so helpless. And when we did get a chance to help, it never felt like it was enough. But now, seeing all that God has been able to do with the little we had to offer reminds us that He wants us to be available and do the best we can with what we have been given. It may not be much, but in His hands, it's more than enough.

We've seen so many lives changed because of God's grace and the justice He brings when He enters people's hearts. We've seen Him work miracles on behalf of these people, get justice for them and their families, and redeem what the enemy tried to steal from them. We've seen Him use victims to share the saving truth of the gospel to reach other victims seeking justice. It's incredible how He *never* wastes one thing. He continues to work and bring justice for those who have no voice. 🌱

What an amazing work God is doing! Because of your generosity and prayers, Calvary is able to partner with missionaries like Aileen to change our world! To learn more about how to support global missions, please visit CalvaryFTL.org/Missions. To give to our Global Missions Fund, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Give.

We know abuse doesn't just happen overseas. If you or someone you know is suffering, call us at **954-977-9673**.



THE GRILL *on the go*

The Grill Food Truck and the Calvary Chapel Outreach Ministry love serving our first responders, hospital workers, members of the community, and you!

THE GRILL

The Grill loves celebrating with you!

If you have an event coming up, like a wedding, party, anniversary, or special occasion, we're here to serve you.

To find out more about catering or to have The Grill Food Truck come to your event, visit CalvaryGrill.org.

Upcoming Global Events

Here's what's happening in 2022 across all of our campuses. Mark your calendars for the biggest events and outreaches taking place at Calvary this year!

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| March 27-April 16 Sunday-Saturday | 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting |
| April 15 Friday | Good Friday |
| April 16-17 Saturday-Sunday | Easter Weekend |
| April 23 Saturday | Beach Baptism |
| June 1-10 Wednesday-Friday | Backpack Outreach |
| June 4-5 Saturday-Sunday | Move-Up Weekend |
| June 11 Saturday | Business Expo |
| June 18 Saturday | Beach Baptism |
| June 24 Friday | Calvary Men's Pig Roast |
| June 29-July 1 Wednesday-Friday | Kids Conference |
| July 27-30 Wednesday-Saturday | Youth Encounter |

SPRING
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FALL

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| August 13 Saturday | Beach Baptism |
| August 26 Friday | Calvary Women: The Gathering |
| September 7 Wednesday | Fall Classes Launch |
| September 17-18 Saturday-Sunday | Vision Weekend |
| September 24-25 Saturday-Sunday | Vision Weekend |
| October 8 Saturday | Operation Christmas Child and Thanksgiving Collections Begin |
| October 22 Saturday | Beach Baptism |
| November 19 Saturday | Thanksgiving Outreach |

To find out everything going on at Calvary this season, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Events.

Monthly Campus Events

March Campus Events

1 TUESDAY

- BR Divorce Care, 6:30pm
- FTL Legacy Builders 55+, 6:30pm
- PK Men's Bible Study, 7pm
- PL Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm

2 WEDNESDAY

- BB Divorce Care, 6:30pm
- PL Calvary Women: Spring Study, 6:30pm

3 THURSDAY

- FTL Calvary Men, 7pm
- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL Parkinson Support Group, 7pm
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm
- WB Calvary Men: Bible Study, 6am

4 FRIDAY

- BR FTL PK PL Better Love Event, 7:30pm

5 SATURDAY

- BB Calvary Men: Monthly Breakfast, 8am
- BB Calvary Women: All Nations Bible Study, 10am
- FTL Business Engagement Vision Volunteer Orientation, 9:30am
- FTL Calvary Sports: Men's Soccer, 7am
- FTL Comunidad Hispana: Servicio en Espanol, 8pm
- FTL Grief Share, 3pm
- FTL Youth Soccer, FL 8:30am
- NL Servicio en Espanol, 7pm

6 SUNDAY

- BB Young Adults Hang Out, 1pm
- BR Foundations of Faith, 11:15am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am

7 MONDAY

- FTL Celebrate Recovery, 7pm

8 TUESDAY

- PK Calvary Women: God of Deliverance Bible Study, 6:30pm

9 WEDNESDAY

- FTL Alpha at the Generous Cafe & Bookstore, 6:30pm
- WB A Study of the Church, 6:30pm

10 THURSDAY

- FTL First Responders Ministry, 7pm

11 FRIDAY

- FTL Couples Date Night at the Beach, 7:30pm

12 SATURDAY

- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am
- WB Elderly Care Ministry, 10:30am
- WB Couples Dinner Date Night, 7pm

13 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Child Dedication Class, 11am
- NL Kreyol Service, 5pm
- WB Church Family Potluck, 1pm

14 MONDAY

- FTL Celebrate Recovery, 7pm
- PL Awana, 6pm
- WB Calvary Men Meeting, 7pm
- WB Calvary Women Meeting, 7pm

15 TUESDAY

- FTL Grief Share for Widows, 6pm
- FTL Legacy Builders 55+, 6:30pm
- FTL Premarital Class, 6:30pm
- FTL Succeeding at Life Class, 7pm
- PL Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- PK Calvary Men Bible Study, 7pm

16 WEDNESDAY

- FTL Calvary Women: Sermon on the Mount, 6:30pm
- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL Guard your Heart, 6:30pm
- WB A Study of the Church, 6:30pm

17 THURSDAY

- BB Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL Parkinson Support Group, 7pm

18 FRIDAY

- FTL Restoring Heart Outreach
- NL Calvary Youth: Youth Unite, 7pm

19 SATURDAY

- BB Couples Ministry Date Night, 6:30pm
- BB Women's Breakfast, 10am
- BR Mom's Connect: A Ministry for Single Moms, 10am
- FTL Grief Share, 3pm
- FTL Jay's Alzheimer Group, 3pm
- FTL Military Ministry Meeting, 9am
- FTL Operation Christmas Child Workshop, 9am
- FTL The Holy Smoke Recovery BBQ, 10:30am
- NL Servicio en Espanol, 7pm

20 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Get in the Global Story Class, 1pm
- FTL Single Moms Group, 11am

21-25 MONDAY-FRIDAY

- FTL Ramp 48: Spring Break Camp

22 TUESDAY

- BR Divorce Care, 6:30pm
- FTL Wills and Trust Seminar, 12pm and 7pm
- PL Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm

24 THURSDAY

- FTL Parenting Talk, 7:30pm
- WB Calvary Men Bible Study, 6am

25 FRIDAY

- FTL Noche de Alabanza y Adoracion en Espanol, 7pm
- FTL Calvary Young Adults, 7:30pm

26 SATURDAY

- AC Beginning of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting
- FTL Calvary Kids Salvation and Baptism Class, 6pm
- FTL Child Dedication Class, 6pm
- FTL Convalescence Ministry Training, 9am
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am
- WB Elderly Care Ministry, 10:30am

27 SUNDAY

- FTL Biblical Counseling Volunteer Training, 11:30am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- NL Hispanic Community Outreach, 2pm
- NL Kreyol Service, 5pm
- PL Volunteer Orientation, 1:30pm

28 MONDAY

- FTL Celebrate Recovery, 7pm

30 WEDNESDAY

- VC Night of Prayer and Worship, 6:30pm

April Campus Events

1 FRIDAY

- BR Focus Singles Community, 6:30pm
- NL Calvary Youth: Youth Unite, 7pm
- PL Premarital Counseling Class, 6:30pm
- WB Family Movie Night, 7pm

2 SATURDAY

- BB Calvary Men Monthly Breakfast, 8am
- BB Calvary Women: All Nations Bible Study, 10am
- FTL Calvary Sports: Men's Soccer, 7am
- FTL Comunidad Hispana de Calvary, 8pm
- FTL Grief Share, 3pm
- NL Outreach Day, 9am
- NL Servicio en Espanol, 7pm

3 SUNDAY

- FTL Awake Prayer and Missionary Advocacy Group Meeting, 8am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Job Transitions, 11am
- FTL New Group Leader Training, 11am
- PL Prayer Night, 6pm

4 MONDAY

- BR Calvary Women: Spring Luncheon, 9:30am
- FTL Celebrate Recovery, 7pm
- PL Awana, 6pm

For details and to register, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Events.

Monthly Campus Events *(continued)*

5 TUESDAY

- BR Divorce Care, 6:30pm
- FTL Grief Share for Widows, 6pm
- FTL Legacy Builders 55+, 6:30pm

7 THURSDAY

- BB Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- FTL Calvary Men, 7pm
- FTL Parkinson Support Group, 7pm
- WB Calvary Women: Bible Study, 7pm
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm

8 FRIDAY

- PL Focus Singles Community Meeting, 6:30pm
- WB Night of Prayer, 7pm

9 SATURDAY

- FTL Grief Share, 3pm
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am
- NL Servicio en Espanol, 7pm
- WB Elderly Care Community, 10:30am

10 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am

11 MONDAY

- FTL Celebrate Recovery, 7pm
- PL Awana, 6pm
- WB Calvary Men: Dinner, 7pm
- WB Calvary Women: Monthly Bible Study Potluck, 7pm

12 TUESDAY

- PK Calvary Men: Bible Study, 7pm

13 WEDNESDAY

- BB Passover Presentation

14 THURSDAY

- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL First Responders Meeting, 7pm

15 FRIDAY

- AC Good Friday

16 SATURDAY

- BB Couples Date Night, 7pm

16 SATURDAY - 17 SUNDAY

- AC Easter Weekend

19 TUESDAY

- FTL Grief Share for Widows, 6pm
- FTL Legacy Builders 55+, 6:30pm
- PK Calvary Women: Bible Study, 6:30pm

21 THURSDAY

- WB Calvary Men Bible Study, 6am

22 SUNDAY

- FTL Biblical Counseling Volunteer Training, 11:30am

23 SATURDAY - 24 SUNDAY

- AC Volunteer Weekend

23 SATURDAY

- FTL Beach Baptism, 8:30am

27 WEDNESDAY

- BR Grief Share: Loss of a Spouse, 6:30pm
- FTL Group Leader Development Day, 6:30pm

24 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL SoFlo Night, 6pm
- PL Baby Dedication Ceremony, During Services

28 THURSDAY

- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL Orlando la Palabra de Dios, 7pm

29 FRIDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Night, 7:30pm
- NL Family Movie Night, 6pm
- WB Night of Prayer, 7pm

30 SATURDAY

- NL Servicio en Espanol, 7pm

May Campus Events

1 SUNDAY

- FTL Awake Prayer and Missionary Advocacy Group Meeting, 8am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- PL Prayer Night, 6pm
- WB Church Family Potluck, 1pm

2 MONDAY

- PL Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm

3 TUESDAY

- PK Calvary Women Bible Study, 6:30pm

4 WEDNESDAY

- AC Night of Prayer and Worship
- BR Grief Share, 6:30pm
- FTL Child Dedication Class, 7pm

5 THURSDAY

- FTL Parenting Talk, 8pm

6 FRIDAY

- FTL Salsa Dance Date Night, 7:30pm
- WB Family Movie Night, 7pm

7 SATURDAY - 8 SUNDAY

- AC Baby Dedication Weekend
- AC Mother's Day Weekend

7 SATURDAY

- FTL Comunidad Hispana de Calvary, 8pm
- FTL Monthly Love Your Neighbor Volunteer Meeting, 10am

8 SUNDAY

- BR Child Dedication Class, 1pm
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Group Leader Training, 11am
- FTL Single Mother's Day Brunch, 10am

9 MONDAY

- WB Calvary Women Monthly Bible Study Potluck, 7pm
- WB Calvary Men Monthly Dinner Bible Study, 7pm

10 TUESDAY

- PK Men's Bible Study, 7pm

12 THURSDAY

- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL First Responders Ministry, 7pm
- WB Calvary Men Bible Study, 6am

13 FRIDAY

- FTL Ocean's Edge University: The Show, 5pm
- FTL R12 Gaming Night, 6pm
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm

14 SATURDAY

- FTL Calvary Sports Men's Soccer, 7am
- FTL Ocean's Edge University: The Show, 5pm
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am

14 SATURDAY - 15 SUNDAY

- AC Foster Care Weekend, During Services

15 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Single Moms Group, 11am
- NL Kreyol Service, 5pm
- PL Prayer Night, 6pm

17 TUESDAY

- FTL Foster Parent interest Dinner, 6:30pm
- FTL Legacy Builders Meeting 55+, 6:30pm
- FTL Wills and Trust Seminar, 12pm and 7pm

18 WEDNESDAY

- PK A Study Through Romans, 7pm

19 THURSDAY

- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- FTL Calvary Men, 7pm
- FTL Parkinson Support Group, 7pm
- WB Calvary Men Bible Study, 6am
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm

20 FRIDAY

- NL Calvary Youth: Youth Unite, 7pm
- NM Married Couples Bible Study Fellowship, 7pm
- WB Friday Night Prayer, 7pm

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Monthly Campus Events *(continued)*

June Campus Events

21 SATURDAY

- BB Couples Ministry Date Night, 6:30pm
- BB Women's Breakfast, 10am
- FTL Jay's Alzheimer Support Group, 3pm
- FTL Military Ministry, 9am
- FTL Operation Christmas Child Workshop, 9am
- NL Haitian Flag Day Celebration Outreach, 9am
- WB Elderly Care, 10:30am

22 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- PK Family BBQ, 3pm
- PL Baby Dedication Ceremony, During Services

26 THURSDAY

- FTL Orando la Palabra de Dios, 7pm

27 FRIDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Night, 7:30pm

28 SATURDAY

- FTL Mental Health Outreach, 9am
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am

29 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Youth Hangs Beach Day, 4pm
- NL Kreyol Service, 5pm

2 THURSDAY

- FTL Parenting Talk, 8pm

3 FRIDAY

- BR Focus Singles, 6:30pm
- NL Calvary Youth: Youth Unite, 7pm
- PL Focus Singles, 6:30pm
- PL Youth Hangs, 6:30pm
- WB Family Movie Night, 7pm

4 SATURDAY

- BB Calvary Men's Breakfast, 8am
- FTL Comunidad Hispana de Calvary, 8pm
- NL Moms & Kids Fellowship Outreach, 10am

4 SATURDAY - 5 SUNDAY

- AC Move-Up Weekend, During Services

5 SUNDAY

- FTL Awake Prayer Missionary Advocacy Group, 8am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL New Group Leader Training, 11am

9 THURSDAY

- FTL First Responders Ministry, 7pm

10 FRIDAY

- FTL Group Dinner at Home, 6pm

11 SATURDAY

- FTL Calvary Kids Salvation and Baptism Class, 6pm
- FTL Love Your Neighbor Volunteer Meeting, 10am
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10pm
- PL Single Moms Outreach, 9:30am

13 MONDAY - 8/12 FRIDAY

- FTL Summer Camp Ramp 48

15 WEDNESDAY

- FTL Group Leader Development Day, 6:30pm

16 THURSDAY

- FTL Calvary Men, 7pm
- FTL Parkinson's Support Group, 7pm
- WB Calvary Women Bible Study, 7pm
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm

17 FRIDAY

- FTL Calvary young Adults Night, 7:30pm
- NL Calvary Youth: Youth Unite, 7pm

18 SATURDAY

- BB Couples Ministry Date Night, 6:30pm
- FTL Beach Baptism, 8:30am
- FTL Calvary Sports Men's Soccer, 7am
- FTL Child Dedication Class, 6pm
- FTL Jay's Alzheimer group, 3pm
- FTL Military Ministry, 9am
- FTL Operations Christmas Child Workshop, 9am
- WB Elderly Care Ministry, 10:30am

18 SATURDAY - 19 SUNDAY

- AC Father's Day Weekend

19 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Single Moms Group, 11am

21 TUESDAY

- FTL Legacy Builders Community Group 55+, 6:30pm
- PL Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm

22 WEDNESDAY

- BR Grief Share, 6:30pm

23 THURSDAY

- BB Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- FTL Cancer Care, 7pm
- WB Calvary Young Adults, 7pm

24 FRIDAY

- FTL Calvary Men: Pig Roast, 6pm
- WB Prayer Night, 7pm

25 SATURDAY

- FTL Calvary Women: Summer Outreach, 9am
- FTL Grief Share, 3pm
- NL Community Outreach Evangelism, 10am

26 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am
- FTL Convalescence Ministry Training, 9am
- NL Spanish Community Outreach, 2pm
- NL Kreyol Service, 5pm

27 MONDAY - 7/1 FRIDAY

- PL Student Life Summer Camp, 9am

29 WEDNESDAY - 7/1 FRIDAY

- FTL Kids Conference, 5:30pm

July Campus Events

1 FRIDAY

- BR Focus Singles Community, 6:30pm
- PL Youth Hangs, 6:30pm
- WB Prayer Night, 7pm
- WB Family Movie Night, 7pm

2 SATURDAY

- BB Calvary Women: All Nations Bible Study, 10am
- FTL Love Your Neighbor Volunteer Meeting, 10am
- FTL Comunidad Hispana de Calvary, 8pm

3 SUNDAY

- FTL Awake Prayer and Missionary Advocacy Group Meeting, 8am
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am

4 MONDAY

- AC Independence Day
- NL Beach Fellowship, 5:30pm

7 THURSDAY

- WB Calvary Men Bible Study, 6am

8 FRIDAY

- FTL Hospital and Memorial Training, 9am

9 SATURDAY

- FTL Baptism on the Green, 12pm

10 SUNDAY

- BR Child Dedication Talk, 1pm
- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am

11 MONDAY - 15 FRIDAY

- NL Vacation Bible Study

15 FRIDAY

- FTL Restoring Hearts Outreach, 7pm

16 SATURDAY

- FTL Backpack Outreach Distribution

16 SATURDAY - 17 SUNDAY

- AC Baby Dedication Weekend

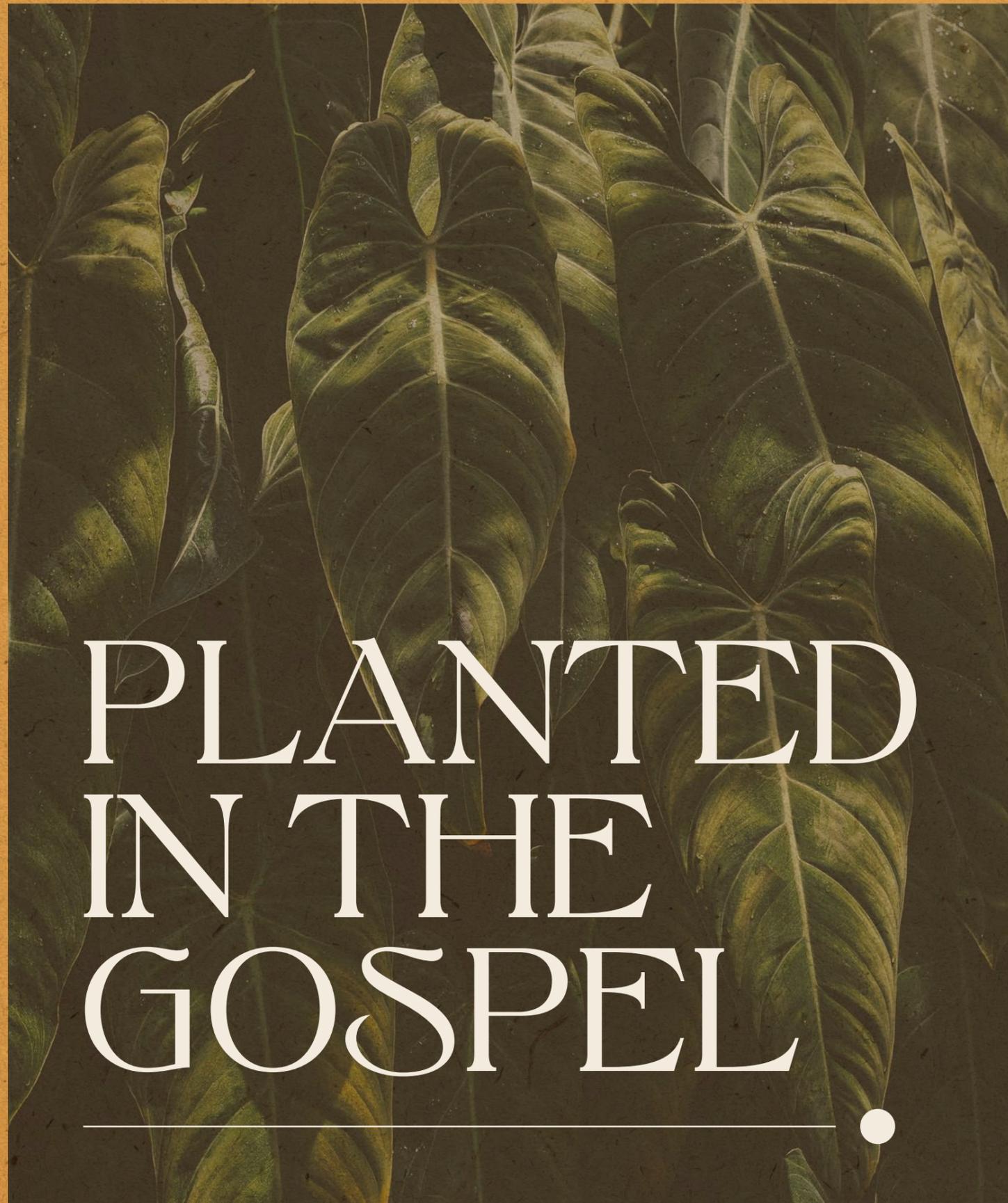
17 SUNDAY

- FTL Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs, 10:45am

27 WEDNESDAY - 30 SATURDAY

- FTL Youth Encounter, 6pm

For details and to register, visit [CalvaryFTL.org/Events](https://www.calvaryftl.org/Events).



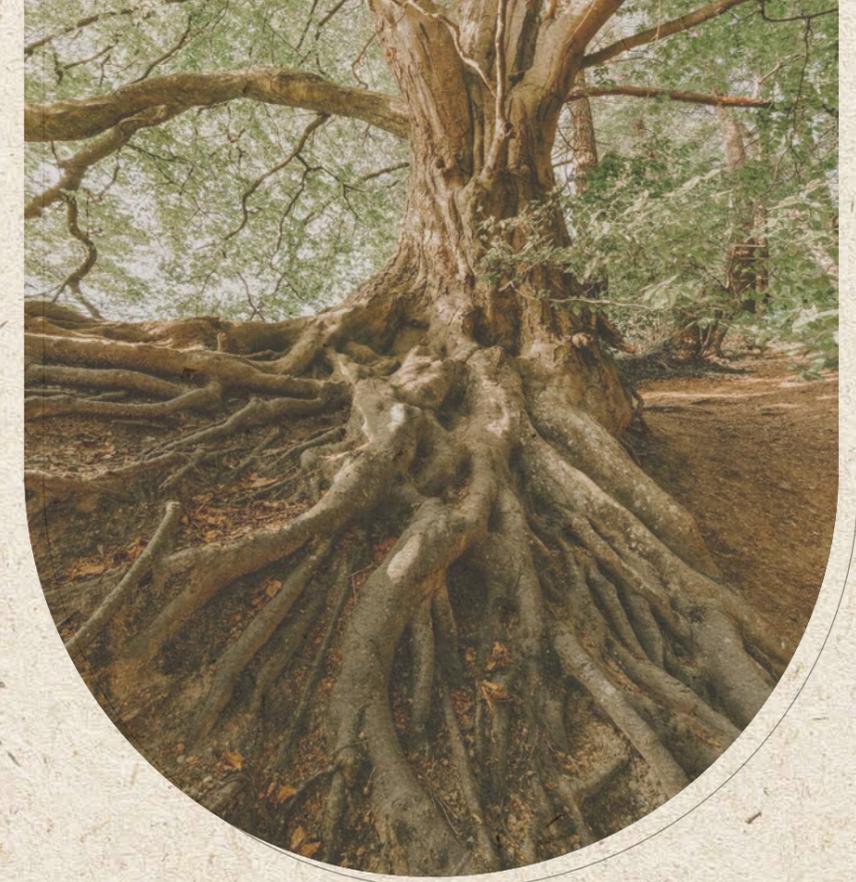
PLANTED IN THE GOSPEL

Have you ever seen a tree with a really deep root system? It's pretty impressive! Studies have found numerous trees with roots longer than 33 feet, and one report cited a tree that grew roots to a depth of 174 feet—more than half the length of a football field! There isn't much in this world that could uproot a tree that's planted so firmly and deeply into the earth.

The Book of Exodus takes us on an amazing, epic journey to freedom for the Israelites. But as we learn over 40 chapters, being free isn't always as simple as escaping slavery in Egypt. It isn't enough for people to be set free, they must also learn to walk in freedom in every aspect of their lives—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Where is this freedom found? It's found in Jesus! John 8:36 (NIV) tells us, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." If we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior, then we're free! But as we've learned throughout this edition of *Seasons*, there are many modern-day idols, strongholds, and traumas that keep us from experiencing the full freedom of Christ.

So, how do those who've been set free ensure they're walking in freedom? In one translation of Galatians 5:1, the apostle Paul shares the secret: "Plant your feet firmly therefore within the freedom that Christ has won for us." In order to be free in any



and every area of our lives and experience the fullness in life, we *must* be firmly rooted in the truth and power of the gospel!

You may be thinking, *I want to plant myself in Him, but how do I practically do that? How can I live rooted within the freedom that Christ has won for me?*

Well, where does root development take place? It happens beneath the surface. Now, if we apply this to the Christian life, it means that growing in relationship with Jesus is our root development! In John 15:4–5 (NIV), Jesus says, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

We must develop deep intimacy and a strong relationship with Jesus through real, genuine prayer and reflection, through the study and meditation of His Word, through worship and obedience, and through serving those around us in His name. And the more intimately you get to know Him, the deeper your roots will grow and the easier it will be to walk in freedom and experience the fullness of His promises and peace! And here's the best part: We don't have to do this alone! We get to go on this personal journey with Jesus as a family, in community with others! We get to share in His Word, pray together, grow together, hold one another accountable, and build one another up. We pray this season will be marked by a renewed passion and devotion in our churches, in our cities, and in you. ☀️

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