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THE POWER OF FAITH



“Oh Lord, my God.’ If that great hymn had ended right there, I would have still been blessed by just those four words.”

(A Song and A Prayer, by Kim McLean and Loretta Lynn, 2023).

That’s the opening line from chapter 16 of the book I wrote with Loretta. All week I’ve had *How Great Thou Art* in my head and on my heart, and it brought back the beautiful days I sang that song with my friend. She was so moved by our mini-worship services, just she and I in her room at Hurricane Mills, communing with Jesus. Every time we got to the chorus of *How Great Thou Art*, she opened up and sang it like all of Heaven was listening. No doubt all of Heaven was.

Loretta and I talked a lot about the awesomeness and sovereignty of God. Her faith had grown so strong that she didn’t worry because she knew God was in control. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

But not everyone has faith like that these days. To find comfort, *true* comfort in the Psalmist’s words, one must believe in the divine authority and inspiration of the message of the Bible. To find peace, one must believe in the power and will of God to keep this world turning and take good care of us all in the process.

Many people are afraid of AI. It is powerful. But I keep coming back to this thought: *God created*. Those who believe this are so very blessed. The story of faith begins here, with *God created*, and it unfolds into the beautiful mystery that Jesus was there creating, too. But let’s begin with the simple idea that one God, *oh Lord, our God*, spoke creation into being. Really, you can’t even get to the testimony of Jesus without laying that groundwork. It was, after all, God who sent His only begotten Son.

God created.

That’s authority. That’s sovereignty. The world is His. God created says something about His intention. It has a personal touch. It’s not artificial intelligence; it’s *real*. AI can’t make a river.

But it also answers an existential question for us. We were created by a sovereign God. He who created has the power to override humanity’s self-destructive inventions. We can and should pray that AI will be used for God’s purposes and the good of humanity.

Let the current situation expose the strengths of our faith. We have an opportunity as faithful believers, to speak peace into the fear. I believe that the one who was and is and is to come, created, and His divine purpose, infinite love, and grace has been holding us together all along.



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This six-part study follows the Christmas story from the ancient promises to Jesus' early childhood. Read the listed passages in the NRSV, then follow the story and its connections across Scripture. The central theme is God coming among us in Jesus Christ.

Read in the NRSV

Passage summaries and reading connections follow. These summaries are not quotations of the NRSV text.

Genesis chapter 12 verses 1–3 God calls Abram to leave his homeland, promises him descendants and a blessing, and extends that blessing to the families of the earth.

Second Samuel chapter 7 verses 8–16 God recalls David's calling and promises an enduring royal house. The immediate promise concerns his successor; Christians also connect it with Jesus' lasting kingdom.

Isaiah chapter 7 verses 1–17 and chapter 9 verses 1–7 Read the threat facing Ahaz, the sign of Immanuel, and the hope of a righteous ruler. The original political crisis helps explain why these words offered reassurance.

Micah chapter 5 verses 2–5a A ruler associated with Bethlehem will shepherd the people and bring security. The letter a means the first portion of verse 5.

Read alongside Matthew chapter 1 verses 1–23 and chapter 2 verses 1–6 Matthew connects Jesus with Abraham, David, Immanuel, and Bethlehem. Notice how he uses Israel's Scriptures to explain Jesus' birth.

Read alongside Luke chapter 1 verses 32–33 and Galatians chapter 3 verses 8 and 16 Luke connects Jesus with David's throne; Paul connects Christ with Abraham's promise. Together they explain the royal and worldwide scope of the earlier promises.

The world behind the promises

The Christmas story begins long before Bethlehem. Genesis places Abram among migrating families in the ancient Near East; no securely established date or named imperial ruler can be assigned to his call. God promises that the families of the earth will receive blessing through him. Centuries later, David rules a united Israel, traditionally dated around 1000 BC. Through Nathan, God promises an enduring royal house. The immediate successor is Solomon, yet Christians see the promise reaching its fullest expression in Jesus.

Prophecy in a time of danger

Isaiah 7 addresses King Ahaz of Judah during the Syrian and northern Israelite threat, about 735–732 BC. Rezin rules Aram, Pekah rules Israel, and Tiglath-pileser III rules the expanding Assyrian Empire. The sign of Immanuel reassures Judah in an immediate political crisis. In the NRSV, Isaiah 7:14 says “young woman”; Matthew 1:23 uses “virgin,” reflecting the Greek scriptural tradition. The original setting and Matthew's application to Mary both matter for understanding the passage.

Cross references and their meaning

Isaiah 9:1–7 pictures relief from oppression and a righteous Davidic ruler. Luke 1:32–33 connects Jesus with David's throne and an enduring kingdom. Micah prophesies during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Micah 1:1), amid Assyrian pressure and injustice. Micah 5 locates the promised ruler's origin in Bethlehem, David's hometown; Matthew 2:5–6 applies this to Jesus. Genesis 12:3 and Galatians 3:8, 16 connect Abraham's blessing with a salvation reaching beyond Israel.





PART 1 OF 6 • CONNECTIONS AND UNDERSTANDING

The Promised Savior

The child and the promise

Isaiah 9:6 gives the promised child remarkable royal names. In Christian reading, these titles help express Jesus' divine identity and the character of his reign. Everlasting Father describes enduring fatherly care; it does not mean that Jesus and God the Father are the same person. Micah's language about ancient origins connects the ruler with a long royal heritage. Christians also read it alongside John's teaching about the eternal Word.

Why the Old Testament matters

The prophets spoke to people who needed hope in their own time. The New Testament writers return to these Scriptures to explain Jesus' identity and mission. Some connections involve a direct promise about a ruler; others involve an earlier event or pattern that Christians see coming to fuller expression in Christ. These connections are best understood through careful reading, rather than claims that a mathematical calculation can prove the story.

The meaning of this part

These promises arose in real communities facing insecurity, corrupt leadership, and war. Christians read them as a growing witness to Jesus: Abraham's descendant, David's heir, and the shepherd whose rule brings peace. The original texts also had meaning for their first hearers.

Read and consider

Read Isaiah 9:6–7 alongside Luke 1:32–33. What kind of ruler do these passages describe? Notice the emphasis on justice, peace, and an enduring kingdom.

Historical sources

Scripture supplies the named rulers: 2 Kings 16:1–9; Isaiah 7:1; Micah 1:1. Background: bible.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/7 and bible.usccb.org/bible/micah/5. BC means before Christ; AD refers to years in the Christian calendar.





Home for the Holidays

As I worked on the November 1st newsletter, I found myself wondering how this year could have passed so quickly. I admit I am not quite ready for the holidays, but I already look forward to being with family and friends. That anticipation also makes me think of those who have no one to gather with and no place where they feel they belong.

It is that time of year when we plan family gatherings and look forward to familiar faces, warm hugs, laughter, and fellowship. We prepare favorite dishes and make room around the table. Yet for some, the holidays bring a painful question: Where do I belong? There are people with no family left, others whose families have turned away, and many who have no safe place to call home. While we count the days with anticipation, they may struggle to find anything to look forward to.

*As Christians, we are called to notice those who might otherwise be forgotten. Romans 12:13 urges us to contribute to the needs of others and extend hospitality to strangers. Jesus makes that welcome deeply personal: **"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"** (Matthew 25:35, NRSV). When we make room for someone who is lonely or struggling, we reflect the heart of the Savior who sees them, knows their pain, and loves them.*

Opening our hearts begins with paying attention. Who sits alone at church? Who has recently lost a loved one? Who is facing rejection, illness, or financial hardship? A sincere invitation to dinner, a ride to a gathering, a warm meal delivered with kindness, or a phone call can remind someone that they matter. Ask what would help, listen without judgment, and honor their dignity. Keep reaching out after the decorations come down.

We can also serve through our church, local shelters, food banks, and recovery ministries. Sharing groceries, warm clothing, transportation, or our time can ease a burden that someone cannot carry alone. James 2:15—17 reminds us that faith must lead to practical care when a neighbor lacks clothing or food. Prayer and action belong together; our willingness to help may be part of how God answers another person's prayer.

Let us pray especially for those who cannot meet their own needs and those too weary or afraid to ask for help. We may not be able to solve every hardship, but we can offer faithful companionship and connect people with ongoing support. This holiday season, may our homes and our church be places where someone feels welcomed, valued, and loved. An extra place at the table can become the beginning of belonging. Let's renew our commitment to our community, The Bellevue Community Food Bank, The Next Door Recovery, the Nashville Rescue Mission, the Prison Ministry and more.

A Prayer for Those Who Feel Forgotten

Loving Father, draw near to those who face the holidays alone. Comfort the grieving, shelter those without a home, and provide for those unable to help themselves. Heal the wounds of rejection and surround each person with caring people. Open our eyes to their needs and move our hearts to respond. Let the love of Jesus be seen in our welcome, our generosity, and our faithful presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

with Jerry Huff



THIS WEEK

THE LORD CALLS SAMUEL

Read 1 Samuel 3:1- 20

*"We must open ourselves up to the voice
of God in our lives."*

Tune in to TPK on Zoom Tuesday nights
at 7:00 pm (CST) for an in-depth
discussion of this week's lesson with
Rev. Dr. Kim McLean.



FALL SERIES

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NOV 15 - THE PROBLEM WITH KINGS

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November Memory Verse
2026

give thanks

in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 • NRSV



November 2026

Living in Thankfulness



1 Psalm 100:4 <i>Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.</i>	2 1 Chronicles 16:34 <i>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.</i>	3 Psalm 107:1 <i>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.</i>	4 2 Corinthians 9:15 <i>Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!</i>	5 Philippians 4:6 <i>With thanksgiving, present your requests to God.</i>
6 Colossians 3:15 <i>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.</i>	7 Psalm 136:1 <i>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.</i>	8 Ephesians 5:20 <i>Give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	9 Psalm 9:1 <i>I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.</i>	10 1 Thessalonians 5:18 <i>Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</i>
11 Psalm 118:24 <i>This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>	12 James 1:17 <i>Every good and perfect gift is from above.</i>	13 Romans 8:28 <i>In all things God works for the good of those who love Him.</i>	14 Deuteronomy 8:10 <i>Give thanks to the Lord for the good land He has given you.</i>	15 Psalm 95:2 <i>Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.</i>
16 1 Chronicles 29:13 <i>Now we give thanks to You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.</i>	17 Psalm 30:12 <i>That my heart may sing Your praise and not be silent. Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.</i>	18 Hebrews 12:28 <i>Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.</i>	19 Psalm 92:1 <i>It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, Most High.</i>	20 Psalm 103:2 <i>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.</i>
21 Isaiah 12:4 <i>Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.</i>	22 Luke 17:15-16 <i>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, glorifying God and giving thanks to Him.</i>	23 Philippians 1:3 <i>I thank my God every time I remember you.</i>	24 Psalm 126:3 <i>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.</i>	25 Psalm 28:7 <i>The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.</i>
26 Colossians 4:2 <i>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.</i>	27 2 Timothy 1:3 <i>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience.</i>	28 Psalm 116:17 <i>I will offer to You a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.</i>	29 Revelation 7:12 <i>"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!"</i>	30 Psalm 34:1 <i>I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.</i>

Let your heart be full of thanks today and always. ♥

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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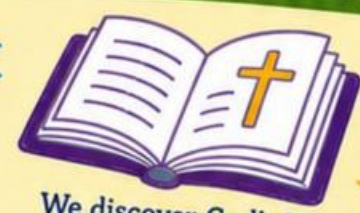
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Heart Quote

A reflection for the heart

“Thanksgiving or complaining - these words express two contrasting attitudes of the souls of God’s children. The soul that gives thanks can find comfort in everything; the soul that complains can find comfort in nothing.”

- Hannah Whitall Smith -

Forever Thankful

“Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall live in your presence.”

Psalm 140:13 NRSV



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