

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Puny God, Genesis
30:25-31:55 - Bradley Bell

July 4, 2021

Genesis 25-36: Learning to
Limp

Call to Worship - Psalm 124:1-8

As we gather to set our eyes on the one true God, we remember that every Sunday is actually a day of independence for us—a day in which we celebrate the freedom made available to us through Jesus Christ. Here is the short list of our enemies that he has conquered: Satan, sin, and death. So we can say this with the psalmist:

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side— let Israel now say—

Congregation: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Congregation: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:1-8

Church, this means that every Sunday isn't just a day of independence, but also a day of dependence—we are dependent on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from our enemies. So with both freedom and submission, let's celebrate that his grace is more than enough...

Your Grace Is Enough

Confession - Romans 8:28-29

Church, even though God's grace is enough for us, it doesn't mean the way is easy. Our enemies may be conquered, but they still rage against us. Satan accuses. Sin ensnares. Death approaches. So we confess this hope taken from Romans 8:28-29:

All things are not good
But for those who love God
He works all things together for good
According to his purpose

Congregation: O Lord, we ask, what is that good?

That what the enemy means for evil
You use to conform us
To the image of your Son

Congregation: So Lord, we pray, do your good work!

He Leadeth Me (Reawaken)

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sermon - Genesis 30:25-31:55

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Now Why This Fear

Announcements & Benediction - Romans 8:37

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! If you tuned in by livestream, we're so glad, but we would encourage you if you are physically able to come and worship with us in person.

Giving - While we are sharing a few important next-step announcements, we are going to pass our giving baskets. Church, the giving of our finances to the work of the church is an important part of how we worship God. If you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give generously and cheerfully. If you're a visitor we ask you fill out a visitor card from the basket and give it to one of us at the end of the gathering. And if you're not a Christian, we're not asking for your money—this gathering is our gift to you!

Family Groups - Also, this gathering is only one part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our small groups that we call Family Groups, which meet in our homes. There is more info at the visitor entrance and on our website, but better yet talk to one of us.

9 AM classes - We have released the next two months of classes. They are posted outside the training room and at antiochpeople.org/classes.

Family Meeting - Next week is our Family Meeting, which is a business meeting for our covenant members. It will take place here at the building on July 11th from 5-6pm. This will take the place of your usual Family Group meetings that week.

Mantioch - All men (aka Mantioch), camping and land navigating will happen this Friday and Saturday at Hoosier National Forest. We will camp on Friday night and be back by Saturday evening. Boys are welcome based on parental discretion as this will not be a designated campground. Bring your own food and gear. If you have questions see our deacon of men, Josh Flint.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is a reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, because Jesus became the puny God, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Therefore may you go to those still bound by their worst enemies, and lead them to true freedom. (based on Romans 8:37)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.
