

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Limping Home, Genesis  
35:1-37:1 - Bradley Bell

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Genesis 25-36: Learning to  
Limp

## Call to Worship - Psalm 34:4-6

Good morning and welcome to Antioch. If this is your church—welcome back. If this is your first time—there are people walking around with lanyards on, please let them know if you have any questions at all.

My name is Aaron and I'm one of the leaders here. I don't know what exactly you're carrying into this gathering today. But here is a word to carry me and all of us:

I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles. Psalm 34:4-6

Regardless of what you are carrying today, the invitation for all of us is the same:

To all who are weary and need rest  
To all who mourn and long for comfort  
To all who fail and desire strength  
To all who sin and need a Savior  
This church opens wide her doors  
With a welcome from Jesus, the mighty friend of sinners.

## *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### *Only A Holy God*

## Confession - Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Today we are going to finish walking through the story of Jacob in the book of Genesis. And if we've learned anything, it's this: God did not choose Jacob because he was a good guy—Jacob was a mess. Later in the book of Deuteronomy God says to the people who came from Jacob,

7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery. Deuteronomy 7:7-8

So let's make this our confession together this morning (say it with me):

Lord, you did not set your love on us  
Or choose us  
Because of US  
Instead  
Because of YOU  
You love us  
And keep your promises to us

Now take a moment before we sing and thank him in your own words...

## *I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

## Sermon - Genesis 35:1-37:1

## Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## *He Will Hold Me Fast*

## *Man Of Sorrows*

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## **Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

**Giving** - We will be passing our giving baskets at this time. If you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give 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.

**FG Outreach** - Speaking of Family Groups, tonight will be an all-Family Group outreach. We will meet here at 5 PM. See Weston Cronan for more details. This will take the place of normal group meetings this week.

**9 AM classes** - In conjunction with our Families Seeking Wisdom sermon series in Proverbs 3, we are providing a three-week parenting class. We will seek to build relationships among parents, utilize the book Parenting by Paul David Tripp, and include a panel of seasoned parents. Childcare will be provided, but please RSVP on the signup sheet by the entrance so we can be prepared.

**Women's Fellowship** - Antioch ladies, mark your calendars! This Friday at 7 PM here at the church we'll be having a ladies' fellowship. One of our distributed members will be sharing with us on 'Walking With Jesus Through Grief', Antioch women will be leading us in worship and prayer, and there will be refreshments to follow.

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.

Church, Jesus Christ became the Son of God's sorrow so that you could become the son of God's joy. May you go limping into a world of broken promises, painful deaths, and shocking sins, so that they may know there is Father who is willing to carry them across the finish line too.

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.

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