

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Aroma of Christ, Genesis
49:1-33 - Bradley Bell

July 31, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,
Best Thing

**Length
in mins**

**Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals**

0:00 Call to Worship

God calls us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. As we prepare to do that in worship this morning, let's look to Psalm 45. The author of this psalm titled it "a love song," and then addressed it to God's chosen King. We know this King to be the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ. So let's embrace this love song as our own:

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.
Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!
In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.
Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

Now I invite just the women to say this part with me:

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

Now I invite just the men to say this part with me:

In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Amen.

0:00 *Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 Confession

In Genesis 49 we see how our character and actions in life have an impact not only on our future, but upon those who come after us. In other words, for better or worse, there is a lasting aroma that comes from our lives. God doesn't hide this from us, as we see in Exodus 34:

6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." Exodus 34:5-7

In response, let's pray this together (I will give you a few moments to read it before we speak it)...

O Lord, we confess that you always measure up
But we do not.
And yet—
We also confess that Christ measured up on our behalf
So that we might be a pleasing aroma
And a blessing for generations to come.
May it be!

0:00 *O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 *Come Thou Fount* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 Evidence of Grace - 1 Timothy 3:8-13

At Antioch we define the biblical office of deacon as a man or woman who is a lead servant in a ministry of the church. That includes five overarching elements:

- 1) They serve as people who are devoted and reliable
- 2) They administer by carrying out the vision of the pastors
- 3) They empower by mobilizing other members to serve
- 4) They mediate by keeping the peace
- 5) They advocate by representing the needs of their ministry

Deacons must be qualified according to 1 Timothy 3:8-13:

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their women likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

At Antioch new deacons may be added after being nominated by members of the body or the pastors. After examination and consideration by the pastors, deacons can then be affirmed by a consensus vote of the pastors.

On behalf of the pastors I am excited to present a number of new deacons today:

Sarah O'Malley - Kids
James Power - Young Disciples
Bill Stayton - Food Pantry
Khera Gray - Hospitality
Shannon Hunsucker - Family Groups

Each of these lead servants have been tested and proven themselves blameless and fit for their respective roles in this season of Antioch. We'd like to present them with a symbolic gift, a wooden basin to remind them of their Savior who washed the feet of others. Now let's show our affirmation of them serving in this way (applause). Let's pray.

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0:00 Sermon - Genesis 49:1-33

0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

0:00 *Lead Us Back* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 *In Christ Alone* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 Benediction

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - This gathering is only a secondary part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also now is our time for giving—ushers please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so that we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat, and the pen is yours to keep.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps (which first and always include specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servant's wall in the hallway after the gathering as there are numerous new needs listed there):

1) 9 AM Classes - Our adult 9 AM class will continue in the book of James. Childcare is provided.

2) MCT - The Missionary Care Team will meet this Thursday evening at the Groce's home at 7 PM. MCT is a ministry where we pray for and care for our distributed. This is a vital part of how we as a church are informed about our sent ones. So, if you are an advocate or if you are interested in becoming one or just would love to gather and pray for our distributed families you should come. See Pastor Robbie for more information.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Today's benediction will be off Livestream so we say to you watching - Thank you for joining us today and You are Sent.

(Cut Livestream) Church, in place of our benediction we have special guests who are coming to share. Let us welcome the Leggetts to the stage.

0:00

Audio/Visual

Slides

Tim Donaldson 

Sound

Timothy Wallis

Band

Acoustic Guitar

Rachael Hurt

Cello

Tim Donaldson 

Vocals

Winona Miller

Worship Leader

Aaron Kiefer