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*‘Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting in you.
Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you.*

Psalm 143:8



IN THE MORNING

When we wake up in the morning, we all wake up thinking about the things we need to accomplish throughout the day, whether it's the papers we have to write, assignments to finish, readings to complete, or the people we need to meet. Before any of these things, however, we must remember that we wake up to face another day of a spiritual battle. The question is, *How are we preparing ourselves to face all of these things?*

When we think of King David, we mostly think of the great things that God did through his life – defeating Goliath, becoming king of Israel, or

being called a man after God's own heart, to name a few. But he had major struggles in his life too. The reason why David is made known to us as a man who went after God's own heart, though, is because every morning, no matter what life season he was in, David did his best to listen for God's voice.

David writes in Psalm 143:8, *‘Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you.’*

Like David, we must start each day listening for God's voice through His Word, because what we wake up to is pretty much what starts our day.

Whether it's the voices of our friends, the words that we read on our phone, or our own thoughts, we all have an input to start our day. And this input actually shapes how we output throughout the rest of our day.

When David is crying out, *‘Show me where to walk,’* he is saying, *‘I can't face the day in the right way without You. You know the best way, and I trust You. Show me Your way.’* We can live each day to fulfill God's purpose for us if we seek His voice at the start of each day. We need to listen for God's voice every morning – not just when life is bad

– so that we can know how to live each day with and for Him.

Pursue God in your daily life. Listen for His voice through His Word. Input God at the start of each day, so that you can output with Christ throughout your day.

Pastor Josh Kim

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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

PASTORS JOSH & SARAH'S YOUTH RECEPTION

On Friday, April 7th Grace Youth hosted a reception to bless pastors Josh and Sarah on their marriage through a couple of performances and interactive games.



EASTER SUNDAY BAPTISM

Ten students of Grace Youth got baptized on Easter Sunday, April 16th:

- Taemin Kang
- Nicole Kwon
- Brandon Bae
- Julia Lee
- Jenny Cho
- Jamin Won
- Ricky Choi
- Yeonwoo Kim
- Siwon Ryu
- Subin Mun

Congratulations! May you grow in your faith and knowledge of who God is as you learn to deepen your relationship with Him.



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

EASTER BAPTISM CONT'D



What's the big deal about **baptism**?

Baptism signifies a person's union with Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection, as well as with the rest of the people of God, the church. It is an act of proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Although there are different interpretations and approaches in how a baptism is carried out, baptism by immersion symbolizes the washing away of their sin and purification from it, symbolizing the person's repentance of their sins and entering a new life in Jesus Christ.

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:3-4

UPCOMING EVENTS for MAY

Friday, **May 5th** : Friday Youth Night

Saturday, **May 6th** : First Lummi Missions Meeting

Friday, **May 12th** : Family Worship Night

Friday, **May 19th** : Friday Youth Night

Friday, **May 26th** : Friday Youth Night

Saturday, **May 27th** : Summer Missions Training

Please note that these scheduled events are subject to change. Be sure to keep up with the latest updates on Sundays or on gccyouth.weebly.com!

➡ SUMMER MISSIONS TRIPS

LUMMI - Bellingham, WA

Registration for this missions opportunity is closed.

- **Focus** : Home repair, Senior home visits, VBS
- **Date** : July 8 - 15
- **Training** : May 27 - June 30, every Saturday

Contact: Pastor Josh
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DUNCAN - Vancouver Island

Registration for this missions opportunity is closed.

- **Focus** : VBS, Youth ministry, Church planting
- **Date** : July 9 - 15
- **Training** : May 27 - June 30, every Saturday

Contact: Pastor Phil
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NORTHERN VILLAGES - BC

*This missions opportunity is open to **grade 11 and 12 students only.***

- **Focus** : Evangelism, Worship & prayer, VBS, Sports & music ministry, Bible study & discipleship
- **Date** : July 17 - 24
- **Training** : June 3 - July 15, every Saturday from 3:30 - 5:30pm

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WHEN DO YOU FEEL MOST ALIVE FOR GOD?

In the midst of our busy lives, it is so easy to overlook the work that God is doing in and through and around us. For many of us, we treat God as just a part of everything we do. During the Praise and Prayer Night on Friday, April 21st, students were asked to meditate on their personal relationship with God - how they want Him to come alive in their everyday life.

When was the last time when you were really on fire for God?

"Last year's **summer retreat**. I have been attending Friday Youth Nights and Sunday services, but during the retreat, I was able to reassess my relationship with God. As it was my first summer retreat, I really learned a lot about God and what it means to be a follower and ambassador of Jesus Christ."

"**Last month**, I started serving for **Night Shift** ministries and saw all these people that didn't know God. This set me on fire and I wanted to do everything to help these people."

"**Easter Sunday**, when we were praising. I was worshipping and I just couldn't stop thinking about God."

"At **Missions Fest** when Will Graham spoke at the youth rally. It made me want to recommit my life back to Jesus."

"The last time was about **one year ago**. He gave me this **dream** that I was in heaven, rejoicing and praising him, with my family behind me. He actually held my hand. I felt so close to him!"

"**VBS camp**, during the praise and during prayer time when my teacher prayed for me."

"**Student discipleship retreat**. KM and EM became closer together, and I felt true godly fellowship."

"**Two years ago** on a **missions trip** to Duncan. He responded to me and I began speaking in tongues. He told me that He will never leave me, and that I'm not alone."

How do you want Jesus to come alive in your life?

I want him to help me **overcome temptations**.

I want him to come alive in my **personal life**. When I'm at home, I often get absorbed in my own world and I miss opportunities to meet God and develop a deeper relationship with him.

In a friendship, where I was wronged by him. I really need to **forgive** him, but I don't want to be hurt by him again.

I see so much hurt and struggles that my friends go through and it just breaks my heart that they don't realize that God loves them. I pray that God will use me **to show God's wonderful love** for them.

I want Jesus to come alive in my school life because **half my friends aren't Christians**. I'm too afraid to ask them about church stuff. I feel like they're going to reject me.

When do you feel most alive for God?

"When I'm doing my **personal devotionals**, because I do it with a heart of wanting to spend time with God."

"I feel most alive for God when I am **helping others** or on a **missions trip**."

"In my **personal time with God**. I can express my thoughts through worship or prayer and I know He is always listening to me."

"At the **summer retreat**, because I could really see the wonderful work of God through others. I could feel God's powerful presence through my other brothers and sisters in Christ."

"I feel most alive for God **when we praise** because I feel really blessed when I hear his words through the songs."

"During **retreats** or in my **daily prayers** with God. When I feel closer to God is when I can feel that he is alive in my heart."

"**When he comforts me**; when I can feel that He loves me and reminds me that I love Him more than anything."

"**When I am praising**; I feel completely free."

I want Jesus to come alive in my **family life**. It would help my family connect a bit more.

I want my life to be **transformed**. When I'm hurt, I desperately want to seek God. In all honesty, I want to love God with all my heart. And I want to share that love with others.

I want Jesus to help me look at another person through **His eyes** and love them with **His heart**.

I want Jesus to come alive in **the way I think** about others and in the way I make my decisions and in the way I act. I wish I could trust Jesus more, because it's hard for me to believe that God loves me and understands me.

I want him to help me become more open with my faith and **sharing my faith** with others.

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