

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - had his bone marrow transplant from his little sister Sienna on 8/9. Pray the Lord will revitalize Ethan's heart and give him courage and strength to keep fighting this battle. His numbers are promising showing that his new bone marrow is taking residence in his weary little body. Pray for the whole family during this extremely difficult journey.

Frank Krueger, Lois Ward and Daniel Miller - at Dominican this past week. Pray for complete recovery.

Kathi Shane - has returned home after a long stay in the hospital due to cancer and she will continue chemo every 2 weeks. Pray that she can begin to get her nutrition orally as she is currently on IV.

Rick and Barbara Kelly - After extensive cancer surgery at Dominican, Rick is now home recovering. Pray for his recovery and that the biopsy results show that the cancer has not spread. Pray for Barbara as she cares for him during recovery.

Rafa Rodriguez - had brain surgery and is recovering at home and doing well. Pray for complete recovery.

Deanna and Chuy Garcia - Chuy began chemo again on 8/9. The cancerous lesions disappeared prior to the surgery and the operation and recovery went well. Pray that the chemo will eradicate any remaining cancer cells in the body.

TLC MINISTRIES, MISSIONS, OUTREACHES & MINISTRIES of Santa Cruz

Our Italy Short Term Team left 8/31 for a 2-week mission trip to help with the Festival that Doug and Dee Valenzuela, our TLC missionaries in Naples, run with the church in Melito. Pray for safe travel, good health, stamina, and effective communication with the Italian people. Pray that God's Spirit moves in the lives of the team, the Italian believers, and those seeking to know God.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



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SEPTEMBER 3 & 4 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

EXODUS 33:12-34:8

(MOSES' PRAYER FOR GOD'S GLORY)

ACT I: THE DARING REQUEST

Then Moses said, "Now show me your **glory**." Exodus 33:18

Glory: " _____ "

My glory is what I believe makes me _____

Every source of glory _____

To see God's glory is to see God as _____
and not just _____

"When you are in the presence of something beautiful, your soul finds a kind of rest that pushes you outward from a focus on your own needs..."

ACT II: THE MYSTERIOUS ANSWER

And the LORD said... **“You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”** ...Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.” Exodus 33:20-22

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the **compassionate** and **gracious** God, **slow to anger**, **abounding in love** and **faithfulness, maintaining** love to thousands, and **forgiving** wickedness, rebellion and sin.” Exodus 34:6-7a

Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” Exodus 34:7b

The tension: How can God be totally _____
and also totally _____?

ACT III: THE BEAUTIFUL SOLUTION

The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling** among us. **We have seen his glory...** John 1:14

And we all, who with unveiled faces **contemplate the Lord’s glory**, are being **transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

THE BOTTOM LINE: In Jesus Christ, the _____
and _____ of God meet perfectly.

Resources used in preparation of this message

Tim Keller, Real Spirituality series preached at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, NYC
J. Carl Laney, “God’s Self-Revelation in Exodus 34:6-8,”
Bibliotheca Sacra 158 (Jan-Mar 2001): 36-51.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend’s topic:

MONDAY Read Exodus 34:5-7. What intrigues or impresses you about God’s self-description in these verses? What difference would it make for you to truly believe these things are true of God? *Lord, help me believe that you are abounding in love and faithfulness—to me!*

TUESDAY Read Psalm 103:1-8. This is one of the many places in the Bible where God’s self-description in Exodus 34 is repeated. What are some of the “benefits” of God to you? Throughout your day, ask God to help you see things to be grateful for! Thank you Lord for all your gracious gifts to me!

WEDNESDAY Read Psalm 103:8-22. Today we’re back in Psalm 103. Which of these verses is particularly striking to you today? Choose one of these verses to meditate on throughout the day today. *Lord, thank you that you have removed my transgression from me. Help me remember you are enthroned and you are loving!*

THURSDAY Read John 1:1-14. How do you see God’s glory in Jesus Christ—what sorts of things did he do that show God’s compassion, grace, faithfulness, and love? Think of Jesus for a while today. *Thank God that in Christ you see the glory of God—his grace and love.*

FRIDAY Read 2 Corinthians 3:17,18. How have you seen it to be true that simply contemplating Jesus Christ, gazing at him, slowly transforms your character to become more Christ-like? How is this an answer to religious legalism? Spend some more time today thinking of Jesus. Picture him welcoming sinners, being with sinners, forgiving those who mistreated him. *In prayer tell him you are grateful.*

SATURDAY Please contemplate the memory verse again and pray for the weekend services. Please pray also for the Acts series, beginning in 4 weeks! *Ask God to help an “Acts atmosphere” develop at TLC, including in your life.*