

# THE MESSAGE

## The Greatest of These

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**1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NLT)** - <sup>1</sup>If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

**Luke 7:1-17 (NLT)** - <sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death. <sup>3</sup>When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, <sup>5</sup>"for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us."

<sup>6</sup>So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. <sup>7</sup>I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup>I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."

<sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" <sup>10</sup>And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. <sup>12</sup>A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. <sup>14</sup>Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." <sup>15</sup>Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

<sup>16</sup>Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and

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"God has visited his people today." <sup>17</sup>And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.

**Luke 7:36-50 (NLT)** - <sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup>When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. <sup>38</sup>Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you."

"Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.

<sup>41</sup>Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. <sup>42</sup>But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

<sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

"That's right," Jesus said. <sup>44</sup>Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

<sup>47</sup>"I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup>The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?"

<sup>50</sup>And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

# MINISTRIES

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: **info@cachurch.com**

**Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups**  
**CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church**  
**Thrive Growth & Recovery | Stewardship**  
**Counseling at The Relationship Center**  
**Kingdom & Evangelism**

# WAYS TO GIVE



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KINGDOM

Go to **CAchurch.com** or use the envelope in the seatbacks at our services.

## Financial Update

2018 General Budget:  
**\$7,000,000**

General Giving 2018:  
**\$7,494,939.43**

Kingdom Giving 2018:  
**\$635,772.02**

Total Giving 2018:  
**\$8,130,711.45**



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# WELCOME

February 2 & 3, 2019

**Worship God**

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**



## WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convicted and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill  
Co-Lead Pastors

## NEW?

■ We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.

■ There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.

■ If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

## INFORMATION



Lots of people talk about who is the "GOAT," the greatest of all time! Jesus weighs in on this debate and says the contest is over when it comes to Love. This, he declares, is the greatest. Nothing and no one comes even close. We continue in our series, "**The Greatest of These,**" next weekend. Join us as we commit together to growing in love of a divine kind.



**KIDS CHURCH** Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: [cakidschurch.com](http://cakidschurch.com)

Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 6-8) Saturdays at 6pm and high school (grades 9-12) Wednesdays at 7pm. For more info visit: [castudents.com](http://castudents.com)



We will not have Fusion (18-35s) service or The Cafe this **Sunday, Feb 3**. Both will resume next **Sunday, Feb. 10**. For more info visit: [cafusion.com](http://cafusion.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### UPCOMING KIDS CHURCH PARENT EVENTS!

#### GOLDILOCKS AND THE 3 PARENTS

Join us for a parenting class on DISCIPLINE. Are your limits too hard, too soft, or just right? How are we supposed to make sense of all the conflicting advice? In this seminar, we will provide examples for kind and firm parenting, and why it's so good for our kids.

Thursday, **February 21** from **7-9pm**  
2435 Colorado Blvd (North Sanctuary)

For more info and to register for this class and childcare, visit: [cachurch.com/discipline](http://cachurch.com/discipline)

### Whole Mamas

CALLING ALL NEW MAMAS!

Connect with other moms in this 6-week support group that will cover a variety of motherhood topics such as: identity shifts, managing difficult feelings, the illusion of perfection, and more. This is a non-judgmental class to equip mothers with tools and encouragement.

**Beginning February 24**

**1 - 2:30pm**

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For more info and to register, visit: [cachurch.com/wholemamas](http://cachurch.com/wholemamas)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Women's Retreat

Join us for a weekend of connecting with God and other women at Twin Peaks Conference Center. The rooms are like hotel rooms, the food is great, and the worship is amazing. **Mar. 1-3** and **Mar. 8-9**. For more info visit: [cawomensretreat.com](http://cawomensretreat.com)

### Kids Hope - Volunteers Needed

We're looking for mentors, prayer partners and nurses that are willing to serve our neighbors. For more info and to sign up, please visit: [kidshopeaglerock.com](http://kidshopeaglerock.com)

### Union Rescue Mission

Christian Assembly will be serving at the Union Rescue Mission, a homeless ministry on Skid Row, on **Saturday, Feb. 16**. If you have a heart for the homeless and want to serve, join us! For more info and to register, visit: [cachurch.com/kingdom](http://cachurch.com/kingdom)

### Kids Church - Nursery Prayer

Our next monthly prayer support for parents of babies ages Birth to 24 months is **Feb. 17**, continuing every third Sunday of the month. For more info and to make an appointment, visit: [cachurch.com/npa](http://cachurch.com/npa)

### Conversations about Jesus

Join the conversation, **Wednesday nights at 7pm, Feb. 20/27 and Mar. 6/13** at Lucky Baldwins in Old Town Pasadena. Bring a friend, a co-worker, or a family member and have a casual conversation with others about who Jesus is and His relevance today. Dinner and drinks will be available to purchase. No need to sign up, just come by. For more info visit: [cachurch.com/evangelism](http://cachurch.com/evangelism)

### Social Media Volunteer Team

We are looking for volunteers to help capture and edit videos and photos to create engaging content for our social media platforms. If you are a photographer or a videographer and have a love for creative content and furthering God's Kingdom, email: [KarleyC@CAchurch.com](mailto:KarleyC@CAchurch.com).

### 2018 Giving Statements

2018 Giving Statements have been emailed. Please check your email or spam folder. If you do not have an email on file, statements were mailed via the USPS on **Thursday, Jan. 31**. If you did not receive it, contact [info@cachurch.com](mailto:info@cachurch.com)