

THE MESSAGE

Running With The Giants

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God is commanding you to live a _____-_____ in a _____-_____.

1. Standing firm happens when you have a _____-_____ faith.
2. You can stand firm and _____ by faith.
3. When you stand, you don't stand _____; _____ stands with _____.
4. Standing firm takes _____, and _____ inspires others.

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) - You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Daniel 3:1 (NLT) - King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide[a] and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3:4-15 (NLT) - ⁴Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! ⁵When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. ⁶Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

⁷So at the sound of the musical instruments, all the people, whatever their race or nation or language, bowed to the ground and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸But some of the astrologers went to the king and informed on the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Long live the king! ¹⁰You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments. ¹¹That decree also states that those who refuse to obey must be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹²But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up."

MESSAGE NOTES

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? ¹⁵I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?"

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV) - ¹³Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴Do everything in love.

Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT) - ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

1 Peter 3:14-15 (NIV) - ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Daniel 3:19-25 (NIV) - ¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the God."

Matthew 10:32-33 (NRSV) - ³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

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



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

Financial Update

2020 General Budget:
\$8,100,000

YTD 01.31.20 - Requirement:
\$623,076.92

YTD 01.31.20 - Offering:
\$507,843.11

January Kingdom Offering: **\$39,063.75**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$39,063.75**



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February 29 & March 1, 2020

Worship God
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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



The Bible tells us that we are surrounded by a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith and that we should run with endurance the race God has set before us. Join us next weekend as we continue in our series **Running with the Giants**. Each week we will look at the faith of a different "giant". We will see what God has to say for us through the faith of Noah, Rahab, Nehemiah and others. Invite a few friends and join us each weekend as God uses their faith then to strengthen ours now.



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

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



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights @ 6pm. Join us! For more info visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES

HOMELESS MINISTRY *on Skid Row*

On **March 28** (10-12:30pm), we are going to Union Rescue Mission to serve those experiencing homelessness on Skid Row. Registration deadline with URM is **March 16.**

For more information and to register:
cachurch.com/kingdom

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Be a volunteer on campus in the San Fernando Valley with Josh Brodt. If interested, email: Jbrodt@fca.org

Volunteer for our CA Sports Camp outreach in Eagle Rock (in partnership with FCA) on **August 29**. Email scottq@cachurch.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pray for Women's Retreat

Pray for our upcoming Women's Retreat weekends, **Mar. 6-8 & Mar. 13-15**, as we have close to 600 women attending! Pray that they will connect with Jesus and with one another.

Seasoned Seniors

If you are 55+ and looking for connection join us on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month** at Christian Assembly. The 1st Thursday, we meet at **1pm** for Bible study, sharing and prayer. The 3rd Thursday we meet at **11:30am** for a pot-luck luncheon and fun activities. For more info, please email: seasonedseniors@cachurch.com.

Easter Decoration Volunteers

Do you enjoy painting and working on crafts and decorations? We need volunteers to help with Kids Church Easter. We're meeting every **Thursday in March from 2-5pm**, you're also welcome to come by another day or take crafts home to work on. If you're interested, please email: carlam@cachurch.com.

Thank You To Our Parking Volunteers!

We would like to express our thanks to all the parking volunteers! On any given weekend, we can have about 3000 people on our campus over 4 service times. That's a lot of moving parts and cars! These men and women are often the first volunteers that our people see, and parking would be a major issue for us if it were not for their commitment to serve our community. If you would like to serve and assist this team, email: seans@cachurch.com.

Kids Church Special Buddies

Kids Church has a Special Buddies Program which provides children with special needs a trained buddy to walk through the service with them. This allows us to give one-on-one attention to children with physical limitations, emotional challenges and those who have difficulty communicating. If you would like to learn more about supporting a child who needs extra help, please email Carlos Ceconi at carlosc@cachurch.com.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings begins next week on **Sunday, Mar. 8 at 2am!** A reminder to turn your clocks forward 1 hour.