THE MESSAGE

Running With The Giants

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Nehemiah 1 (NLT) - ¹These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. ²Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

³They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

⁴When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵Then I said.

"O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, flisten to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.

8"Please remember what you told your servant Moses: 'If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. 'But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.'

¹⁰"The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. ¹¹O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me."

In those days I was the king's cup-bearer.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 (NLT) - ¹Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. ²So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled."

MESSAGE NOTES

Then I was terrified, ³but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

⁴The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?"

With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵I replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried."

⁶The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, "How long will you be gone? When will you return?' After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request.

I also said to the king, "If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. BAnd please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself." And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.

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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

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March 7 & 8, 2020

WELCOME

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** Worship God Become part of His Family Extend His Kingdom



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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 convinced 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

CA MEN'S EVENTS MEN'S GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST 7PM / SOUTH SANCTUARY

GATHER Worship Together Hear an Inspiring Word From a Guest Speaker Hang Out and Eat

MEN'S RETREAT

TWO RETREAT WEEKENDS

APRIL 24-26

OR MAY1-3

SAME CONTENT
SAME ACCOMODATIONS
SAME GOD MEETING YOU THERE
PICK YOUR WEEKEND AND REGISTER NOW

CACHURCH.COM/MEN

Homeless Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Mar. 28 (10am-12:30pm), we are going to Union Rescue Mission (URM) to serve those experiencing homelessness on Skid Row. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom.

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**.

Multi-ethnic Learning Group

The multi-ethnic learning group seeks to grow in love for Jesus and for one another by learning from God's Word, listening to one another with humility, and encouraging one another in our ethnic journeys. Next meeting is on **Wednesday, Mar. 11 (7pm)**. For more info and meeting locale, email: **sandy.schaupp@gmail.com**.

Kids Church Easter

All children Birth to 5th grade are invited to join our Easter Party (Apr. 11/12) at Kids Church! There will be fun activities, bouncers, snacks, and worship. So put your game face on, invite your *Player 2* and come find out about the ultimate *PowerUp*! For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/kceaster.

CA Students Hume San Diego

CA Students is heading back to Hume San Diego this summer for our annual week long summer camp. This is always one of the highlights of the year as students encounter the grace of God, build friendships, and have an absolute blast! This is a fantastic trip for students to get plugged in. For more info, dates and to register your student, visit: **castudents.com**.

Coronavirus

In light of the recent news on the coronavirus and for your care and the care for others, we remind you to wash your hands often with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your cough or sneeze. If you are sick or have flulike symptoms, stay home. The Surgeon General of the United States is asking all of us to **not be fearful but to be alert**.