

PARAGOULD FUMC | JAN 17, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 9AM
STEWARDSHIP SERIES- "FIRST THINGS FIRST: THE COMPETITION"

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OPENING SONG: "My Story" by Big Daddy Weave

Verse 1: If I told you my story, You would hear hope that wouldn't let go, And if I told you my story, You would hear love that never gave up, And if I told you my story, You would hear life but it wasn't mine

Pre-Chorus: If I should speak, Then let it be of

Chorus: (For) The grace that is greater, Than all my sin, Of when justice was served, And when mercy wins, Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in, Oh to tell you my story is to tell (of Him)

Verse 2: If I told you my story, You would hear vict'ry over the enemy, And if I told you my story, You would hear freedom that was won for me, And if I told you my story, You would hear life overcome the grave

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge x2: This is my story this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long

Chorus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139:1-6

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER *Following each petition, please respond: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

OFFERTORY: "When Mercy Found Me" by Rhett Walker Band

Verse 1: I can't count the broken roads, I've been down but all I know, Something had to give, Something had to give

'Cause living my life so wild and free, Finally caught up and oh it left me broken, Left me hopeless, But that's where I met Jesus

Chorus: And in one moment everything changed, Who I was got washed away, When mercy found me, My Savior's arms were open wide, And I felt love for the very first time, When mercy found me, When mercy found me

Verse 2: All those days all those doubts, They don't seem to matter now, His grace is all I need, His grace is all I need, And the chains that I was in before, They don't hold me anymore, His love has rescued me, His love has set me free

Chorus

Bridge: My mind found peace, My soul found hope, My heart found a home

Chorus

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 6:25-33 ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor

spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2 Kings 17:35-41 ³⁵The Lord had made a covenant with them and commanded them, "You shall not worship other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them,³⁶ but you shall worship the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm; you shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice."³⁷ The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to observe. You shall not worship other gods;³⁸ you shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not worship other gods,³⁹ but you shall worship the Lord your God; he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies."⁴⁰ They would not listen, however, but they continued to practice their former custom.⁴¹ So these nations worshiped the Lord, but also served their carved images; to this day their children and their children's children continue to do as their ancestors did.

SERMON

"First Things First: The Competition"

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "No Longer Slaves" by Zach Williams

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God, I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

Verse 1: You unravel me with a melody, You surround me with a song, Of deliverance from my enemies, Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

Verse 2: From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me, Love has called my name, I've been born again into Your family, Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus 2x, Ohh

Bridge: I am surrounded by the arms of the father, I am surrounded with songs of deliverance, We've been liberated from our bondage, We're the sons and the daughters, Let us sing our freedom, Ohh

Bridge2 (2x): You split the sea so I could walk right through it, My fears were drowned in perfect love, You rescued me so I could stand and sing, I am a child of God, I am a child of God, I am a child of God

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.