

The Magnificence Of God’s Love

One of my favorite features of all creation are mountains. I have been fortunate to gaze upon mountains all over the world: the magnificent alps in Europe, the majestic Mt. Fuji in Japan, the glorious mountains in Africa, the beautiful mountains of Israel, and the Rocky Mountains here in the States. They stand immovable in majesty; they reach to the skies; they extend beyond what the eye can see. Did I mention I love mountains?

Several things come to mind when I'm looking at mountains. One, God's beautiful work in creation is awesome. The variety from one mountain to the next is fascinating: some rocky, some full of trees, some snow-capped—each with a unique feature of its own. God's creativity is overwhelming.

Second, I am reminded in Psalm 121 of where my help comes. We serve a God who is mighty and powerful.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*
Psalm 121:1-2 ESV

I am reminded there is nothing too big that I will ever face that He can't handle. He is always in control and I needn't worry when storms rise up in my life.

Finally, I'm reminded of God's love. As vast as the mountains are on this earth, they are incomparable to His love for you and me. In Ephesians 3. Paul prays,

That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19 ESV

Do we understand that kind of love? That love is available to each of us, and Paul is encouraging us to meditate on this vast and unconditional love from God. When we understand the love and forgiveness that God freely offers us, we are able to walk in boldness and serve Him without fear or hesitation. I challenge you this month to take some time and reflect on God's amazing love for you. It's broader than you can possibly imagine.

*For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you.*
Isaiah 54:10 ESV

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The month of February

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 5 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 11 - Super Bowl Party, 5pm
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 19 - Women's Cake Decorating, 6:30p

- Praise the Lord for all the men who were able to attend the men's retreat at Sky Ranch. Pray God would continue to work in each of their lives.
- Pray for our church fellowship as we continue to welcome new families and encourage one another in our walk with Christ.
- Pray for Charlie Bing as he teaches at the Word of Life Institute in the Philippines February 3-18. Pray for God's providence, protection and power as he communicates the grace of the gospel.

FAMILY UPDATE

Women's Ministry Cake Decorating



February 19, 6:30pm

Parables of the Kingdom

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



NEW ABF SERIES at 9:15AM

Super Bowl & Chili Cook-Off Party

February 11 - 5pm





3:30—Bring chili to be judged
4:00—Judging begins
5:00—PARTY!

Winner announced at
halftime!

CHILI COOK OFF

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:45AM Ladies Bible Study	2	3 7:00AM Men's Alliance
4 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club	5 	6 7:00AM Grounds of Grace	7 *Doran Dick 6:30PM Youth Ministry	8 9:45AM Ladies Bible Study	9	10 7:00AM Men's Alliance
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