

THE MESSAGE

Fighting For Freedom - One Step At A Time

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Genesis 3:4-5 - ⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Daniel 4:4-17 - ⁴I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. ⁶So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. ⁷When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. ⁸Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

⁹I said, “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. ¹⁰These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. ¹¹The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. ¹²Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

¹³“In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴He called in a loud voice: ‘Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.

““Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. ¹⁶Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times[c] pass by for him.

¹⁷“The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.’

Daniel 4:24-37 - ²⁴“This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be

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drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³²You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

³⁵His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”

³⁶At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Step 2

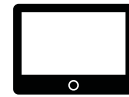
Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

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
Counseling at The Relationship Center
Kingdom & Evangelism

WAYS TO GIVE



Online



Check



Cash



Kingdom
(monthly)

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

Financial Update

2018 General Budget:
\$7,000,000

YTD 5.31.18 - Requirement:
\$2,826,922.90

YTD 5.31.18 - Offering:
\$2,862,308.90

May Kingdom Offering: **\$43,120.18**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$213,152.06**



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WELCOME

June 30 & July 1, 2018

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



Join us next weekend as we continue in our teaching series called **Fighting For Freedom**. Freedom is always a moving target. Some days you hit the bullseye and other days you can't get close. Jesus said the truth He offers will set you free. We will fight for that freedom together while looking at the truths of the 12 step recovery model.



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

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

KIDS HOPE EAGLE ROCK

We are looking for volunteers to help us bless our community by partnering with at-risk kids at Eagle Rock Elementary School.

MENTOR

SPEND ONE HOUR EACH WEEK WITH A CHILD AT EAGLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

SUPER SUB

COMMIT TO BE A SUBSTITUTE MENTOR AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS

PRAYER PARTNER

GET PAIRED WITH A MENTOR AND PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THEM AND THEIR MENTEE

VOLUNTEER NURSE

ARE YOU A CERTIFIED RN? JOIN OUR NURSES ROTATION AND HELP SERVE EAGLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

VISIT KIDSHOPEEAGLEROCK.COM OR EMAIL KIDSHOPE@CACHURCH.COM

WWW.KIDSHOPEEAGLEROCK.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We're expecting to have many kids come to Vacation Bible School. With your involvement, children will explore our theme of "Shipwrecked" and discover how Jesus rescues us in life's storms. To join our Vacation Bible School volunteer team, visit: cakidschurch.com/vbs

Parenting Class

During Vacation Bible School, Kids Church is hosting two parenting classes for all parents, whether your child is in Vacation Bible School or not. These classes will provide tools, resources and encouragement as you raise your children. **Tuesday, July 24 is Navigating Our Kids' Digital Media Worlds** and **Thursday, July 26 is Raising Resilient Kids**. For more info and to register, visit: cakidschurch.com/parentingclasses

Summer of Thrive Seminar

Our Thrive Growth & Recovery ministry is hosting a one-night seminar titled, **"The Transforming Power of Gratitude"** on **Thursday, July 19 (7pm)** at 2435 Colorado Blvd. We will learn how the simple practice of gratitude has the power to transform us and open our eyes to God's work in our lives. For more info and to register visit: cachurch.com/thrive

CA Internship

Discover if God is calling you to vocational ministry through discipleship and practical experience (**Sep. 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019**). For 10 hours a week you will work with church staff in a ministry department with guidance from a pastoral mentor and learn with others in an intern cohort. Applications due **Aug. 1**. For more info and to download an application, visit: cachurch.com/internships

Tech Team Volunteers

Interested in joining the Tech Team? We're looking for volunteers to help with Lyrics, Sound and Camera for all of our weekend services. No previous experience required. For more info email: bradp@cachurch.com or stop by the tech booth before or after service.