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Upcoming Discipleship Groups

January 2024 the **Ladies, Men's, and Youth** groups will resume meeting. Please see the calendar on our church app for more details.

Announcements

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The BuildingUp Podcast

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New Episodes coming soon!!! Please review the archive of **141 previous episodes** for those that may help strengthen you this week!

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship groups will resume in January at Agape. Please check the calendar on our church app to view the dates for each group.

Youth Girl's Discipleship Retreat

Plans are being made for a **discipleship retreat** for Youth girls in 2024. The dates are June 14th – 16th. See Kadie or Josey for more info.

Marriage Small Group

We are starting a new small group focused on strengthening marriages. The group will meet once a month in 2024 and the first gathering is on **Sunday February 4th at 5pm** at Agape. Childcare will be provided. Connect with this group on the church app, under **Groups / Building Community**.

To give as part of worship, use the **offering box** in our main worship area OR give through **our Church Center app**.



Sunday Morning
Worship Gathering
December 31st, 2023

Today's Text

Psalm 143 (ESV)

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ²Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

³For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. ⁶I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. ¹⁰Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! ¹²And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

SERIESGOALS

1. **Grow** up in wisdom through the Psalms.
Colossians 1:9-10
2. **Abide** in prayer when we gather.
Colossians 4:2
3. **Practice** personal habits of praying the scriptures.
Colossians 3:1-2



Resist Your Enemy

David McConnell



Prayer Guide

You can use these questions to begin praying today's Psalm.

1. What did I **learn about God** through this Psalm?
2. Which **words or phrases** in the Psalm stood out to me?
3. How can I take what stood out and **apply it** to my prayers?
4. As I begin to pray for myself and others, what am I **praising God** for?

Preaching Guide

Life-Truth: There is an enemy who aims to _____ your soul and cause you to _____ on God. The enemy is particularly active during your _____; times when you may be most vulnerable. You must be vigilant and ready to _____ Him. (Psalm 143:3-4, 1 Peter 5:9-10)

Stand Firm (in Your Trials):

- _____ on what you _____ about God. (v1, 7-8, 12; Colossians 1:9-10)
- _____ of _____ sin. (v2; James 5:15-16)
- _____ (*think deeply & often*) on the _____ of God. (v5-6)
- _____ God. (v8-10; Proverbs 30:8-9)
 - Ask God for His _____ and follow it.
 - Ask God for His _____ and do them.

Look to Jesus: Jesus suffered _____ from the enemy in His own times of trial (*the wilderness of Matthew 4, the Garden of Matthew 26*). You stand firm by all the ways we have outlined above, **AS you** _____ with Christ (*especially in prayer*). He will NEVER allow you to be _____ beyond what you can _____. (1 Cor 10:13)

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