

# Winning Strategy

## Scripture

- 12 Joshua got up early the next morning. The priests took the ark of the Lord,  
13 and the seven priests carrying seven rams' horns marched in front of the ark of the Lord. While the rams' horns were blowing, the armed men went in front of them, and the rear guard went behind the ark of the Lord.
- 14 On the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.
- 15 Early on the seventh day, they started at dawn and marched around the city seven times in the same way. That was the only day they marched around the city seven times.
- 16 After the seventh time, the priests blew the rams' horns, and Joshua said to the troops, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.
- 17 But the city and everything in it are set apart to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and everyone with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent.
- 18 But keep yourselves from the things set apart, or you will be set apart for destruction. If you take any of those things, you will set apart the camp of Israel for destruction and make trouble for it.
- 19 For all the silver and gold, and the articles of bronze and iron, are dedicated to the Lord and must go into the Lord's treasury."
- 20 So the troops shouted, and the rams' horns sounded. When they heard the blast of the ram's horn, the troops gave a great shout, and the wall collapsed. The troops advanced into the city, each man straight ahead, and they captured the city.
- 21 They completely destroyed everything in the city with the sword—every man and woman, both young and old, and every ox, sheep, and donkey.
- 22 Joshua said to the two men who had scouted the land, "Go to the prostitute's house and bring the woman out of there, and all who are with her, just as you swore to her."
- 23 So the young men who had scouted went in and brought out Rahab and her father, mother, brothers, and all who belonged to her. They brought out her whole family and settled them outside the camp of Israel.
- 24 They burned the city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house.
- 25 However, Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, her father's family, and all who belonged to her, because she hid the messengers Joshua had sent to spy on Jericho, and she still lives in Israel today.



Joshua 6:12-25 CSB

## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Joshua; Judges; Ruth, Summer 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Joshua, David M. Howard Jr.*





# God's Word - Devoted to Him

*She tied the scarlet cord in the window.  
Joshua 2:21*

Rahab's life depended on the promise of the spies, whom she saw as representatives of the God of Israel. Her faith was simple and firm, and very obedient. To tie a scarlet cord in her window was a trivial act in itself, but she didn't dare neglect it.

Come, my soul, isn't there a lesson here for you? Have you paid attention to the Lord's will—all of it—even though some of His commands might seem nonessential? Have you observed the ordinances of believers' baptism and the Lord's Supper as He directed? A disregard of these points indicates an unloving disobedience in your heart. From now on, be blameless in all things—even to the simple tying of a thread, if that is what God has commanded.

The act of Rahab demonstrates an even more solemn lesson: Have I implicitly trusted in the precious blood of Jesus? Have I tied that scarlet cord in my window, as the Gordian knot, so my trust can never be removed? Or can I look out toward the Dead Sea of my sins or the Jerusalem of my hopes without seeing His blood, without seeing everything in relation to its blessed power?

If an actual cord of such conspicuous color hangs from my window, any passerby can see it; it would be good if my life makes the effectiveness of Christ's atonement conspicuous to all onlookers. What is there to be ashamed of? Let people or demons look on if they will—the blood is my boast and my song.

My soul, there is One who will see that scarlet cord, even when weak faith keeps you from seeing it yourself; Jehovah the Avenger will see it and pass over you. Though Jericho's walls fell flat, Rahab's house—which was on the wall—stood unmoved. My nature is built into the wall of humanity, but when destruction strikes the race, I will be secure.

Oh my soul, tie a fresh scarlet cord in your window, and be at peace.

*Morning and Evening  
Charles Spurgeon*



*Delayed answers to prayer are not only trials of faith;  
they also give us opportunities to honor God through our steadfast confidence in Him  
even when facing the apparent denial of our request.*

*L. B. Cowman*

# DAILY BIBLE STUDY

**SCRIPTURE** - Read the passage of the day

**OBSERVATION** - Write the point of the passage

**APPLICATION** - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

**PRAYER** - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

## Sin Revealed

Main Passage for July 5th – Joshua 7:10-23 CSB

**Monday** - Joshua 7:1-9

**Tuesday** - Joshua 7:10-15

**Wednesday** - Joshua 7:16-18

**Thursday** - Joshua 7:19

**Friday** - Joshua 7:20-23

**Saturday** - Joshua 7:24-26

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:7

*Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap.*

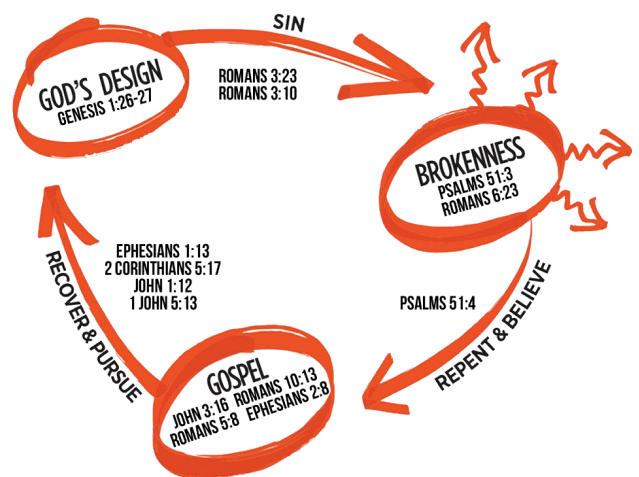
### Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### Connect Church Prayer Request

IF YOU KNOW  
THAT GOD LOVES YOU,  
YOU SHOULD NEVER QUESTION  
A DIRECTIVE FROM HIM.

HENRY T. BLACKABY





# CONNECT CHURCH

## Attendance & Offering

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## Eyes On Eternity

*"For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done."*

*Matthew 16:27*

The streets of Cairo were hot and dusty. Pat and Rakel Thurman took us down an alley. We drove past Arabic signs to a gate that opened to a plot of overgrown grass. It was a graveyard for American missionaries.

As my family and I followed, Pat pointed to a sun-scorched tombstone that read: "William Borden, 1887-1913."

Borden, a Yale graduate and heir to great wealth, rejected a life of ease in order to bring the gospel to Muslims. Refusing even to buy himself a car, Borden gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars to missions. After only four months of zealous ministry in Egypt, he contracted meningitis and died at the age of twenty-five.

I dusted off the epitaph on Borden's grave. After describing his love and sacrifices for the kingdom of God and for Muslim people, the inscription ended with a phrase I've never forgotten: "Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation for such a life."

The Thurmans took us straight from Borden's grave to the Egyptian National Museum. The King Tut exhibit was mind-boggling.

Tutankhamen, the boy king, was only seventeen when he died. He was buried with solid gold chariots and thousands of golden artifacts. His gold coffin was found within gold tombs within gold tombs within gold tombs. The burial site was filled with tons of gold.

The Egyptians believed in an afterlife—one where they could take earthly treasures. But all the treasures intended for King Tut's eternal enjoyment stayed right where they were until Howard Carter discovered the burial chamber in 1922. They hadn't been touched for more than three thousand years.

I was struck by the contrast between these two graves. Borden's was obscure, dusty, and hidden off the back alley of a street lined with garbage. Tutankhamen's tomb glittered with unimaginable wealth. Yet where are these two young men now? One, who lived in opulence and called himself king, is in the misery of Christless eternity. The other, who lived a modest life on earth in service of the one true King, is enjoying his everlasting reward in the presence of the Lord.

Tut's life was tragic because of an awful truth discovered too late—he couldn't take his treasures with him. Borden's life was triumphant. Why? Because instead of leaving behind his treasures, he sent them on ahead.

To be continued from...

*The Treasure Principle*

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## Offering

Fish and Loaves

The lad left home with enough in his sack lunch to feed thousands of people and didn't even know it! Do what you can.



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## CONNECTION GROUPS

### SUNDAY

**Parents of Young Children** - 9:00 AM - Marlon Francis:  
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**Students** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today  
**Young Adults** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today  
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**Adults** - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net  
**Adults** - 4:00 PM (online)  
Dr. Janet Plummer: askadminex@gmail.com  
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### MONDAY

**Men** - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoryac@gmail.com

### TUESDAY

**Ladies** - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com  
**Men** - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com  
and Jim Bass: jbass1961@gmail.com

## CONNECTION GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY

**MomCo** - 9:00 AM - Allie Royal: momco.connect@gmail.com  
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woodhavenanimalclinic@gmail.com  
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**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Ed Samour: ed@ecengineers.com

### THURSDAY

**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Leslie Dakers: ladakes@hotmail.com

### SATURDAY

**Men** - 9:00 AM - Grantley Coulthrust:  
grantley.coulthrust@cc.today  
and Harlan Miller: hmiller@hgpmcorp.com

# The Disciple's Victory Bible Study

Men's Connection Group  
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM  
Activity Center



For more information  
**Jim Bass: jbass1961@gmail.com**





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*Join Us for  
Refreshments on  
the Patio Today!*



*Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!*

**CK - Ultimate Game Night**  
*July 1st*

**CT - Redneck Olympics**  
*July 1st*

**Blessings in Every Backpack**  
*July 5th - 26th*

**CK - Word of Life Camp**  
*July 5th - 10th*

**Young Adult - Bar-B-Q**  
*July 5th*

**Women's Ministry**  
**Jesus the One and Only**  
**Bible Study**  
*July 7th*

**Ultimate Game Night Challenge**

**Fun / Laughter / Friendly Competition**

**July 1st - 7:00 PM**

**Children's Department / Clubhouse**

**For more info. - [melvin@cc.today](mailto:melvin@cc.today)**

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## REDNECK OLYMPICS CONNECT TEENS

JULY 1ST - 6:30 PM | GAMES AND FOOD | ACTIVITY CENTER

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FOR MORE INFO. - [TRISTAN.NELSON@CC.TODAY](mailto:TRISTAN.NELSON@CC.TODAY)



## Blessings in Every Backpack School Supply Drive

July 5th - 26th  
Church Patio

School Supply List - Church Patio

Fill a Backpack or Give to this Mission Outreach Online - [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. - [roquanda.guy@cc.today](mailto:roquanda.guy@cc.today)





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## SUMMER STAGE SPECTACULAR 'O CHICKEN OF LITTLE FAITH'



LEAD CAST ONLY - 6:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO. - [NICOLE.WEBER@CC.TODAY](mailto:NICOLE.WEBER@CC.TODAY)

ALL CAST MEMBERS - 7:00 PM

GRILL  
BBQ

YOUNG ADULT  
BBQ

Food, Fun, Fellowship



July 5th - 6:00 PM

Activity Center

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BIBLE STUDY

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*Beth Moore*

LifeWay  
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## Women's Bible Study

July 7th - 9:30 AM  
Coffee Shop



Work Books are Available  
in the Resource Center

For more information - [sandratrujillo140@gmail.com](mailto:sandratrujillo140@gmail.com)

## Wellspring Watercolors Refreshing the Soul through Art

Ladies Creative Gathering  
July 18th - August 22nd  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Activity Center



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For more info. contact Renee Savarese: [savarese31@comcast.net](mailto:savarese31@comcast.net)



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*Come & Grow*

*Come & Lead*

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