



Days of Elijah

*Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church
Sunday, October 4, 2020*

FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

PROVERBS: GOD'S WISDOM FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

*You've read the book, but have you ever really studied it?
Join us on Zoom as we explore what Proverbs is all about,
gaining wisdom on leading a life that blesses others, you and God.*

Led by Luke Schaub » 11:30AM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to Meeting ID 873 0007 7201. Password: Proverbs

Can't Zoom? You can participate by phone by calling (669) 900-6833

You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID: 873 0007 7201# & Passcode: 4554 6950#

LEARNING TO LIVE FAITHFULLY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

*This class is designed to help us deepen our faith building skills
that will help us walk with each other in difficult times.*

Led by Pastor Scott » 1PM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to

Meeting ID 926 6128 4532. Password: 123

NO CLASS THIS WEEK!

WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

*Explore the elements that formed the early church, which enabled
them to navigate extremely difficult circumstances. We will learn
from the ancient church and how our faith can flourish today.*

Led by Pastor Scott » 4PM Sundays, Heartwell Pk, b/t McNab & Snowden

To sign up for this class send an email to: scott@lbac.org

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

*This class is designed to strengthen your marriage
using videos with prompted conversations, and a
workbook to facilitate discussions between you and your spouse.*

This is a class with online videos provided by the church
To register for this self-facilitated class go to: www.lbac.org/tmc

GOSPEL PROJECT: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*We will be offering a short Gospel Project lesson and discussion, with
some worksheets and crafts for the kids. Materials are age-specific,
preschool through 5th grade. Meetings will be about 30-45 minutes.*

Led by Meghan Brearley » 11:30AM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to Meeting ID 827 0107 5881. Password: 970031

Worship Songs ~ Sunday, October 4, 2020

Step By Step

(Rich Mullins)

Oh God, You are my God
And I shall ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
And I shall ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

Who You Say I am

Ben Fielding / Ruben Morgan

V-1

Who am I that the highest King
Should welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me
Oh, His love for me

Chorus-1

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am

V-2

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus-2

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

(Who You Say I Am cont.)

Bridge-1

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am (2x -
Chorus 2)

Bridge-2

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am (2x)

Tag*

*I am who You say I am

Chorus-2

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

V-1

I will trust my Savior, Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust him when to simply trust him
Is the hardest thing of all

V-2

I will trust my Savior, Jesus
Trust him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

(I Will Trust... cont.)

Chorus

Jesus, only Jesus,
Help me trust you more and
more
Jesus, only Jesus,
May my heart be ever Yours

V-3

I will trust my Savior, Jesus
He has said His way is best
For I know the path He's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest

Chorus

Jesus, only Jesus,
Help me trust you more and
more
Jesus, only Jesus,
May my heart be ever Yours (2x)

Bridge

Oh on the cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting
In the one, who died for me
What can I bring,
For Your gift is complete
So I trust You, simply trust You
Lord, with every part of me (3x)

Chorus

Jesus, only Jesus,
Help me trust you more and
more
Jesus, only Jesus,
May my heart be ever Yours (2x)

Speak O Lord

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our
attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise;
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never
fail
Let their truth prevail over
unbelief.

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

V-1

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless,
free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading
homeward
To Thy glorious, rest above

V-2

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praises from shore to
shore
How He loves us, ever loves us
Changing never, never more
How He watches, over His loved
ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedes
Watches over them from the
throne

V-3

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every, love the best
'Tis an ocean, vast of blessing

Days of Elijah

Earth, Wind, & Fire; Cloak, Chariot, & 7,000 Prophets

Three Lessons by the Jordan from Those Who Played for Keeps

2 Kings 2:1-12

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I. Elijah: How do I face impending death?

- A. Tend to your ministry, 2:1; 2:2-3; 2:4-5
Gilgal of the North: 2 Kings 2:2; 4:38; Hosea 4:15; 9:15; 12:12;
Amos 4:4; 5:5
Bethel: 1 Kings 12:27-29; Amos 4:4; 5:5
- B. Connect with the people that are important, 2 Kings 2:1, 2, 4, 6
- C. Ask the most important people what you can do for them,
2 Kings 2:9
- D. Don't get in the way of the future! (Did Elijah resist Elisha taking his place??? 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-20; 2 Kings 2:2, 4, 6; and the bizarre 2:9-10)
- E. Hold fast to the glorious future promised to you in the Scripture, John 11:25-26; 14:2-3; BONUS SECTION #1

II. Elisha: How do I deal with devastating loss?

- A. Express appreciation for those you have lost, 2 Kings 2:12
- B. Own your grief for those you have lost, 2 Kings 2:12
- C. Follow the faith of those you have lost, 2 Kings 2:13-14;
2 Kings chapters 2-9; Hebrews 13:7; John 14:12; and the amazing but little known 2 Kings 13:14

III. The prophets: How do I respond to a corrupt culture?

1 Kings 19:18
BONUS SECTIONS #3-4
2 Samuel 12:7
James 1:22-27

BONUS SECTION #1: Is Elijah's Departure That Much Better Than Yours?

John 11:25-26	1 Corinthians 2:9	Philippians 3:20-21;
John 14:2-3	1 Corinthians 15:49-55	Revelation 7:14-17
1 Peter 1:3-5	2 Corinthians 4:17	Revelation 21:1-7
Psalms 73:23-26	Romans 8:18	Revelation 22:1-5
Psalms 23:6		

BONUS SECTION #2: Five Great Quotes about Facing Death from Charles Spurgeon's Sermon on 2 Kings 2:11

1. "In the prospect of our departure, we must learn to hold all things with a loose hand. Why should I grip so fast that which death must and will tear from me?"
2. "We have so little time to live, let us live like dying men."
3. "Let us look at our time, not as having a great deal of it, but as having so little."
4. "Work hard; the candle is nearly burned out, and you have not finished (your work) yet! Work hard, for you have not another candle to light when that one is gone!"
5. "Some people, when they fancy they are going to die, think the only thing they can do to prepare for death is to send for the parson, 'take the sacrament,' as they call it, get upstairs, not see anybody, and draw the curtain. The best way for a Christian to die is in harness. If I were a soldier, methinks I would sooner die in battle in the hour of victory than I would die in the trenches doing nothing."

BONUS OUTLINE #3: The Bible Does Have Some Things to Say about How We Are Supposed to Act Toward Others

Matthew 5-7	Romans 12-15	Colossians 3-4	1 Peter 2-5
Luke 6:20-49	Ephesians 4-6	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Hebrews 10-13
	Philippians 3-4	The entire Epistle of James	

BONUS SECTION #4: Side by Side: Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha

Moses and Joshua

M&J: ministry loaded with miracles:
along with E&E, the most until Jesus

M: ministry opposed by defiant Pharaoh

M: 40 days & nights on Sinai, Exodus 24:18

M: revelation at Mount Sinai, Exodus 19-34

M: set up an altar symbolizing the 12 tribes
of Israel with pillars, Exodus 24:4

M: public showdown with false religious
leaders, Numbers 16

M: God chose his successor, Numbers 27:18-23

M&J crossed the Red Sea "on dry land,"
Exodus 14:16, 21-22, 29

Moses: died east of Jordan River, opposite
Jericho, Deuteronomy 34:1

Moses: no known grave, Deuteronomy 34:6

Moses: appears with Jesus at transfiguration

Elijah and Elisha

E&E: ministry loaded with miracles:
along with M&J, most until Jesus

Elijah: opposed by defiant Ahab & Jezebel

Elijah: 40 days/nights to get to S, 1 Kings 19:8

Elijah: revelation at Mt Sinai, 1 Kings 19:8-18

Elijah: set up an altar symbolizing 12
tribes with stones, 1 Kings 18:32-32

Elijah: public showdown with false
religious leaders, 1 Kings 18

E: God chose his successor, 1 Kings 19:15-16

E&E crossed the Jordan River "on dry
ground," 2 Kings 2:8

Elijah: taken up east of Jordan River,
opposite Jericho, 2 Kings 2:5-8

Elijah: no grave at all!

Elijah: same

Matthew 17:1-4

Moses: similar to the witness in Rev 11:6b	Elijah: similar to the witness in Rev 11:6a
Joshua: name means "Yahweh is salvation"	Elisha: name means "my God is salvation"
J crossed the Jordan River "on dry ground,"	Elisha parted the waters, crossed the
Joshua 3:17; 4:22	Jordan River, 2 Kings 2:14
J crossed the Jordan close to Jericho	E&E crossed the Jordan close to Jericho
Joshua 4:19	2 Kings 2:5-8
J said to be filled with the spirit of wisdom after	"The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha" after
M's death, Deut 34:9 (cp. Num 28:18,23)	Elijah is taken up, 2 Kings 2:9, 15

What was God doing here?

1. It was a crucial time in the history of Israel, 1 Kings 16:25, 30-33
2. It was a crucial time in the history of God's revelation, 2 Kings 17:13-14

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GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

DAYS OF ELIJAH: FINISHING WELL

WEEK #4 • 2 KINGS 2:1-12

ICE BREAKER

At your peak (whenever that is or was), how would you rate your athletic ability on a scale of 1-10? Could you have been much better with a commitment to work out/practice more or did you hit your ceiling?

IN-DEPTH

- Read [2 Kings 2:1-12](#)
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Elijah Finishes Well

- A. 2 Kings 2:1-8. Read [Joshua 3:17; 5:10; 6:1-3](#). What is significant about the route God takes Elijah?
- B. Who are the "sons of the prophets"? What is their significance in this story?
- C. 2 Kings 2:9-12. What does Elisha ask of Elijah? Is his wish granted?
- D. What is God communicating through the ascension of Elijah?
- E. Read [2 Timothy 4:6-8](#). In what ways do these verses describe Elijah's life?

2. Will We Finish Well?

- A. Read [Matthew 25:14-30](#). What are today's equivalent of the "talents" in the parable? What is required of us to hear "well done, good and faithful servant" from God?
- B. Read [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#); [Philippians 3:12-14](#). What is Paul's message in these passages? What prize he refers to?
- C. Read [Philippians 1:6](#); [Hebrews 12:1-2](#). We are not running this race alone. How does God help us?
- D. Read [1 Corinthians 3:10-15](#). Does what we do here matter in eternity if we are saved? How?

MAKING IT RELEVANT

- 1. What does finishing well mean to you?
- 2. How are you doing at running the race? Are you slow & steady, sprinting and resting, or running at a good clip?
- 3. Are you confident that you will one day hear "well done, good and faithful servant" or do you have a lot more work to do?

Some Extra Space For Growth Group Notes!

Hume Lake

MEN'S RETREAT

“ESCAPE WITH PURPOSE”

October 22-25, 2020

Registration closes Monday, October 5!

RETREAT/LODGING PRICES

Deluxe \$440

Standard \$310

Economy \$270

RV Site \$250

Event-Only \$250

Contact Mike Comstock
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for questions or to sign up

ANNUAL MEETING

TONIGHT at 5PM

We hope to see you on Zoom!

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$12,626.38	98.6%
Month-to-Date:	\$51,215.12	\$45,462.30	88.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$51,215.12	\$45,462.30	88.8%
Disbursed YTD:	\$51,384.00	GF Balance: \$34,772.91*	

*Denotes General Fund (GF) balance after subtracting \$47,232.00 of Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) Small Business Loan funds. LBAC's application has been submitted for the promised complete loan forgiveness and is expected soon. Until then, we will report the GF balance with PPP funds subtracted.

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, October 4

- 9:30AM Parking Lot & **Livestream**
Worship & Celebration!
- 11:30AM Gospel Project: Children's
Ministry
- 11:30AM Proverbs Foundation Class
- 1:00PM Live Faithfully Foundation Class
- 4:00PM Why Are You A Christian
Foundation Class
- 5:00PM Annual Vision Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, October 5

- 7:00PM Pure Desire **Zoom** Meeting
- 7:00PM SIA In-Person & **Zoom** Mtg

Tuesday, October 6

- 10:00AM Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM Youth Group **In-Person** (HS)

Wednesday, October 7

- 4:00PM Kids' Zoom Meeting

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00PM Youth Group **In-Person** (JH)

Friday, October 9

- 8:00PM NA Courtyard & **Zoom** Mtg.

Sunday, October 11

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MISSIONS

[Link to LBAC Missions!](#)

GROWTH GROUPS

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Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Children's Ministries!](#)

Sunday Mornings:

Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

Fun-N-Funky @ 11:15AM

AWANA

[Link to LBAC AWANA](#)

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Youth Ministries!](#)

[Click Here For Youth Group Live Stream Events](#)

Every Tuesday & Thursday Night @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Women's Ministry!](#)

Women's Ministry Event Information

Contact: deya@charter.net

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

[Women Connecting with Missions](#)

3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00PM

[Crafty Women](#)

2nd Saturday each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Men's Ministry!](#)

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org



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