



Lent

AGAIN & AGAIN: NO!

FCBC Fresno February 28th, 2021

“Come See What the Lord Has Done!” – Jill Prince

Announcements

“Be Thou My Vision” – Jill Prince

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name”

A Kinesthetic Call to Worship Again & Again

“Knowing You”

Our Prayer & Confession Again

P: Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God’s hand. So family rest in this good news.

ALL: God invites us in.

God meets us where we are.

God hears our prayers.

God forgives us.

P: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Special Music – *“Even Then”* Praise Team

Message: Again & Again: NO!

Study Guide

1. Read Luke 4:1-13. Also read Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:13, and 6:16.

- What 3 things did Jesus say “no” to?
- What helped him to say “no”?

2. Read Luke 23:33-36

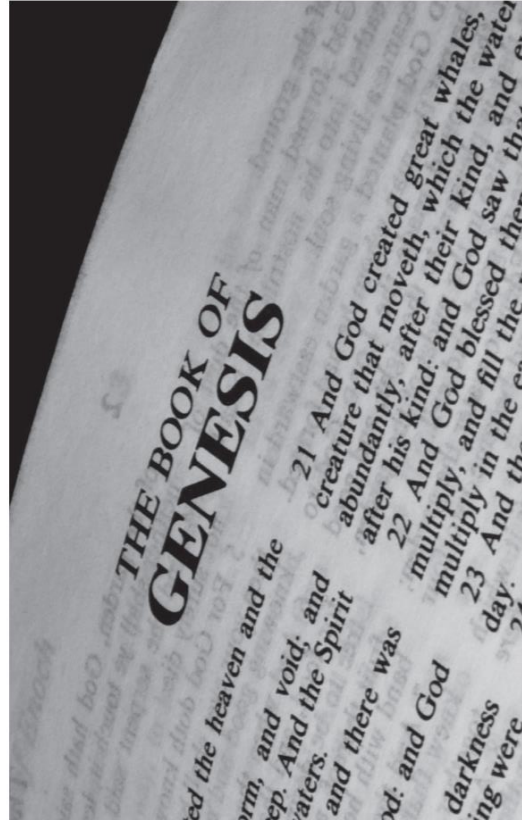
- Who did Jesus say “no” to here?
- How does this impact us?

“There Is a Redeemer”

God Be With You...

Ministry Focus: Evangelism

Begin by reading Genesis 21:1-20. Ishmael was the “other” child. Born to Abram through a servant named Hagar, Ishmael was thrice marginalized: by age, by social status as the son of a slave, and by ethnicity as the son of an Egyptian slave. Genesis 12-25 focuses on Ishmael’s ancestors, with chapters 21-22 telling the story of the childhood of Ishmael’s half-brother, Isaac. Isaac was the son who fulfilled God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah of a child from whom a great nation would descend. Wedged into that purposeful narrative of the esteemed child come 13 verses that tell of the “other” child. That his story will not be denied—that it insists on being told—is remarkable in itself.



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“Justice for Rizpah’s Children: Radical Responses to Childhood Poverty”

Move beyond awareness to intentional engagement in effecting justice in response to the challenge of childhood poverty in the United States. Inaccurate perspectives about childhood poverty can become a barrier to action because the issues seem so complex. Grounded in the sermon “Rizpah’s Children,” this book provides concerned readers with more nuanced and accurate understanding of the situation and the human beings involved, as well as a biblically based roadmap for taking practical action. Featuring the voices of parents, grandparents, caretakers and children, each chapter highlights community organizations whose diverse efforts are focused on alleviating the impact of poverty in America.

