

CHAPTER 21
LONGING
FOR HOME

Rebuilding
The Walls

by
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THIS SUNDAY
AT CROSSPOINT

King's Kids
Grades K-6th

Nursery ages 1-5

11:00 AM

The Story Bible Study
Worship Center

Information Table

IF: Gathering
For Women

Supercar Sunday
North Parking Lot

THE STORY

READ THE STORY.
EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



We are two-thirds of the way through The Story and on the last chapter before the hinge of history that changes everything; the birth of Jesus. What will God's people do in these final moments of the Old Testament? Often when God wants something done, he calls us to work side-by-side with each other and with Him.

LENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

The season of Lent begins this week on Wednesday, March 2 with Ash Wednesday. Lent marks the 40 days leading up to Easter weekend and has historically been a time in the Church to prepare for the reality that Christ died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected from the grave for our salvation. In this season of reflection, we want to journey with Jesus to the cross as we orient our hearts, minds and habits to focus towards Him.

We encourage you to explore the resources for Lent on our website and discover what a Lenten journey could look like for you. We look forward to a season of reflection and preparation together as a church family over the next 40 days.



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*Humble yourselves, therefore,
under God's mighty hand, that
he may lift you up in due time.*
1 Peter 5:6

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate communion together as the body of Christ. The Bible teaches us that we should examine ourselves before we participate in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:27-29). This examination begins by giving careful thought to any areas of unrepentant sin in our lives. We should take time to pray and invite the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to our hearts and minds. We must also take time to reflect upon our relationships with other believers. Find questions for reflection at crosspointchino.org/sacraments

hello visitors!

Welcome to CrossPoint, thanks for visiting. We hope you were reminded of God's endless love for you in our service today! Please stop by Guest Central in the lobby after the service to pick up our welcome gift and ministry guide. You can also send us a Connection Card at the QR code! There's a place for you here and we can't wait to meet you!



Dordt College Wind Symphony

from Sioux Center, Iowa

Concert on Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 PM
Ontario Christian Albers Chapel

Overnight hosts needed for Thursday night!
Learn more at crosspointchino.org/dordt

men connect

Men Connect Bible study meets in person AND on Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 6:30 AM in the Student Center. Join us in person or zoom in! Email Pastor Lon for Zoom ID at lwagner@crosspointchino.org

GEMS winter camp

This weekend, 35 GEMS girls and 10 leaders attended winter camp at Forest Home! Pray that God works mightily in the hearts and lives of these girls and all of our 100+ GEMS girls! We are so thankful for this ministry and the amazing leaders who mentor and encourage girls each week.

pray for leaders

CrossPoint staff members Danny Unterkofler (Director of Community Life) and Kaylyn Unterkofler (Director of Children and Family Ministries) will be examined at the meeting of Classis California South on Thursday, March 3. Please pray for them on that day and in the next week. Chris Avery (Director of Youth Ministries) will be examined at a later date as well; this is a step on the path for ordination as Commissioned Pastors. We are grateful that God has provided these godly leaders for such a time as this!

in the library

- Born Again: What Really Happened to the White House Hatchet Man by Charles Colson
- Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers – The new movie is based on this book
- Soul Survivor: How my Faith Survived the Church by Philip Yancey
- The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah – Commentary on the Old Testament by F. Charles Fensham
- Rooms / The Five Times I Met Myself – Two novels by James L. Rubart
- Nerves of Steel: The Incredible True Story of how one woman followed her dreams, stayed true to herself, and saved 148 lives (Young Readers Edition) by Captain Tammie Jo Shults
- Dear Mr. Henshaw – Newbery Award winner by Beverly Cleary
- Masada: The Last Fortress – A novel for young readers by Gloria Miklowitz

Coffee Break For Women

Coffee. Connection. Conversation.



Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00
In Person (Fellowship Hall)



Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30
In Person (Conference Room)

New Study Begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022

*Discover 1 Corinthians
Wisdom For Living*

We're saving a place at the table for you. Join us!



SUPERCAR *Sunday*

Join us in the north parking lot after church
to see cool cars, jeeps, and vintage vehicles!



THE DARKNESS DOES NOT WIN.

GOD DOES.

LET'S TELL EVERYONE WE KNOW.

IF:GATHERING 2022 *for women*

Register today!
crosspointchino.org/if2022

Friday, March 4 from 6-9 PM
Saturday, March 5 from 9-4

IF:2022 is a two-day event
where women all over the
world gather in person to be
encouraged, equipped,
and renewed!

Visit the IF table to find out
more about this in-person
livestreamed gathering
at CrossPoint!

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Sermon Notes | Rebuilding The Walls

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. Ezra 7:10

Rebuilding the Walls of Your Life:

1. Ezra: Be committed to the _____. Ezra 7:10
2. Ezra: Ask the Lord to cause the hearts of those in authority to serve God's purposes. Ezra 7:27-28
3. Nehemiah: Obey the Word of God even _____. Nehemiah 4:1-2
4. Malachi: Dare to give God your _____. Malachi 1:6

Giving God your very best in your...

- _____ Malachi 1:8
- _____ to the Lord Malachi 2:7-8
- _____ and _____ Malachi 3:8-10



readings

- The Story Chapter 22
- Malachi 3
- Matthew 1
- Matthew 2
- Luke 1
- Luke 2
- Luke 3
- John 1

sermon discussion

- In the sermon we talked about “rebuilding the walls.” In what areas of your life do the walls need to be rebuilt or strengthened?
- Read Ezra 7:10 and Nehemiah 7:1-6. What would you say distinguishes the life of Ezra? What do you think distinguishes your life?
- In the sermon we talked about the struggles Nehemiah faced while trying to rebuild the walls. Why did the people resist? What helped him to remain faithful?
- In the sermon we talked about three areas Malachi mentions where we need to give God our very best. What are those three areas? Where do you need to strengthen your spiritual walk?
- In the sermon and in the readings there were many challenges. What is one specific way you can apply what you have heard/read to your life this week?