

## Sermon Notes

### We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share in The Pulse about healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, share it at [hello@victorylutheran.com](mailto:hello@victorylutheran.com). (300 word max)

## Life Notes

### Navigating by God's Promises #5: "Grace Between Grumbles" Exodus 16:11-15

#### Opener:

When have you found yourself complaining about something, only to receive exactly what you needed in an unexpected way?

#### Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. Read Exodus 16:11-15. What does God's response to Israel's grumbling reveal about His character and patience?
2. Compare Philippians 2:14-16 with 1 Corinthians 10:10. How does Scripture challenge our tendency to grumble, and what alternative does it offer?
3. How does Matthew 6:25-34 connect to God's provision of manna? What does this teach us about daily dependence on God?
4. How does Jesus fulfill the promise of God's provision seen in the manna? (See John 6:31-35 and John 6:48-51).

#### Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. When have you experienced God's provision in the midst of your own "grumbling season"? How did He meet your needs?
2. What circumstances currently tempt you to complain rather than trust in God's timing and provision?
3. What "daily bread" do you need to ask God for today—physically, emotionally, or spiritually?
4. How does knowing Christ as the "bread of life" change the way you view your daily needs and struggles?
5. This week, what would it look like for you to practice gratitude instead of grumbling when facing unmet expectations?

#### Daily Bible Readings (September 7-13)

Sun: Exodus 16:11-15 Grace among Grumbling  
Mon: Exodus 16:1-10 When Complaints Rise  
Tues: Phil. 2:14-16 Do Everything Without Grumbling  
Wed: Matthew 6:25-34 Don't Worry About Tomorrow  
Thurs: John 6:31-35 Jesus, the Bread of Life  
Fri: 1 Thes. 5:16-18 Give Thanks in All Circumstances  
Sat: Psalm 78:17-25 God's Provision Remembered

## Upcoming Week

**Sunday, September 7**  
**COMMUNION WEEEEKEND**  
8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
8am Worship & Communion, WC  
9:30am Worship, WC  
11am Contemporary Worship, WC

**Monday, September 8**  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4



**Tuesday, September 9**  
9:30am Women's Ministry  
Combined Bible Study, C4  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, C1  
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

**Wednesday, September 10**  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
10am Men's Bible Study, C1  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4  
8pm AA Meeting, C5

**Thursday, September 11**  
10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5  
**4:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event**  
**Bingo at Sunland Village**

**Friday, September 12**  
OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, September 13**  
8am Men's Bible Study, C5  
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel  
FH = Fellowship Hall  
C5 = Fireside Room  
NR = Nursery  
WC = Worship Center  
C4 = Community Room

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# NAVIGATING BY GOD'S PROMISES



September 6 & 7, 2025

## "GRACE BETWEEN GRUMBLES" Exodus 16:11-15



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## GOD TIME: The Grandparent's Gift

One of the most powerful legacies you can give your grandchildren isn't money, vacations, or even memories—it's faith. Grandparents have a God-given influence that no one else can duplicate. From the way you live day to day, to the words you speak, your life becomes a living sermon for those little eyes and growing hearts.

Paul once wrote to young Timothy: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded, now lives in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). What a picture of generational faith! Timothy's love for the Lord was rooted in the faithful witness of a grandmother who prayed, spoke God's Word, and lived it out.

This Grandparents' Day, pause and think about the unique voice you have in your grandchildren's lives. No one else can bring God's love to them in the same way you can. Could you call or text them today with a word of encouragement? Could you write a simple prayer or Bible verse on a card and mail it? Could you plan an activity this month or in the upcoming year that weaves in God's story of love and grace?

Ask the Lord to show you one step. He delights to answer that prayer, filling your heart with love-filled action that shapes your grandchildren's faith. Remember, they may forget the details of your gifts or outings—but they will never forget that Grandma or Grandpa loved them, and loved Jesus.

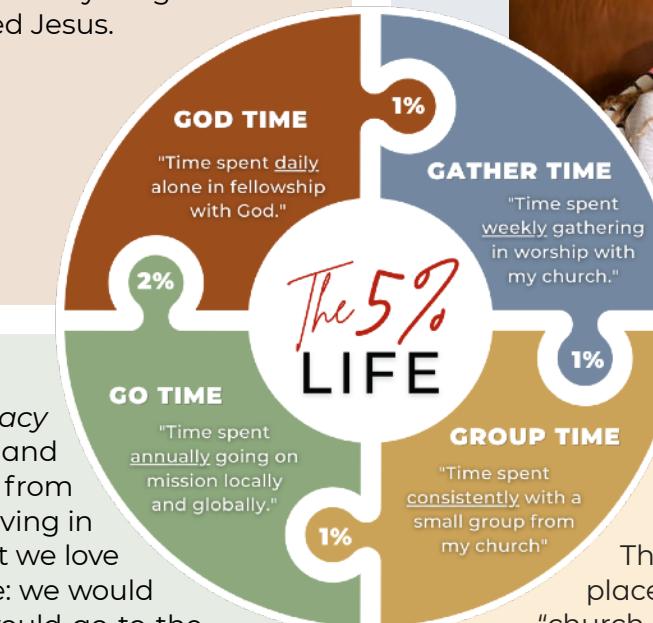


## GO TIME: Our Journey to Intentional Grandparenting

**Why do you live where you do?** That was the first question posed at the *Legacy Grandparenting Summit* we attended at Victory last February. That was a question and a prayer concern that had percolated in our hearts and minds ever since we retired from Victory in 2023. God was continuing to stir within us. Our hearts were torn: we loved living in Gold Canyon. We loved our friends, our home, and our neighborhood Bible Study. But we love our children and grandchildren even more. We laid out our version of Gideon's fleece: we would put our house on the market for just two months. If it didn't sell in that time, we would go to the Midwest for the summer, then go back home to Gold Canyon in the fall. The house sold in six days: we had our answer. After forty-three years of being tied up most weekends and holidays, we're now spending time with our children and nine grandchildren. We've exchanged 100+ degree heat for 100+ mile trips for a High School graduation, and to be present for baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, and soccer games. We've sung lots of bedtime songs and said lots of bedtime prayers. We feel more "present" to the next generation. It's not all been easy; we truly miss what we left behind. But by being closer we hope and pray that we will be more effective in speaking into the lives of the next generation. That was part of the declaration we made at the grandparenting summit: *"I will guide grandkids with grace; respect parent roles; abound in my affection; nurture their nature; pray with passion and purpose; adjust my attitude in case I need to; restore relationships; excel in my example; number my days; tell them my testimony; intentionally influence; never neglect the newest generation; give them the Gospel. I am an intentional Christian Grandparent."*

Our love and prayers to all those we know, love, and miss at Victory!

To God be the Glory — Stephen and Joanne Lien



## GATHER TIME: Celebrating National Grandparents Day 2025

Thank you to those who have shared precious photos capturing the beautiful moments shared between generations, reminding us of the enduring power of love and connection. Scan the QR code to watch the video.



Come join the adventure of joining Jesus on His mission!

Starting Monday, October 13  
(5 sessions)  
10am & 6pm

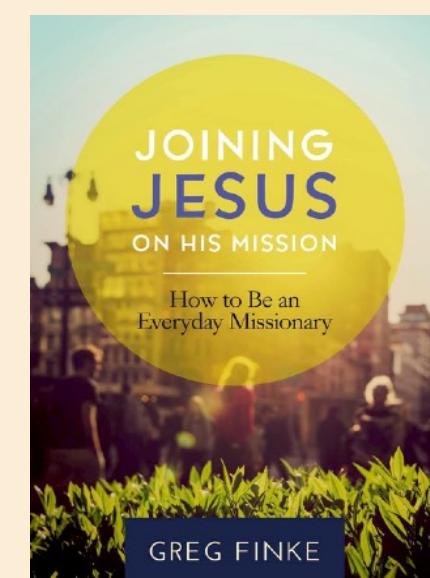
Light refreshments will be served.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or scan the QR code below.



10am

6pm



Two sessions will be offered each Monday: 10:00am & 6:00pm.  
Light refreshments will be served. Come and discover what it means to join Jesus right where you already are!

This study is about learning how to see our everyday lives as places where God is already at work. Instead of adding more "church activities" to our schedules, Joining Jesus helps us notice the simple opportunities right in front of us—conversations with neighbors, kindness at work, time with family and friends—and how Jesus can use those everyday moments to bring His love and grace to others.

Together, we'll talk about how to live with eyes open for what Jesus is doing, how to listen to people's stories, and how to join Him in small but meaningful ways. It's practical, encouraging, and designed for ordinary Christians who want to grow in living their faith daily.