



MINISTRY GUIDE

4 and 5 June 2022

*To all who are weary, struggling and burdened,
we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Service Leader: Oliver Chia

Preacher: Jonathan Tan

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship James 4:8-10

Prayer/Songs [Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near](#)
(Praise & Adoration) [Christ is Mine Forever](#)

Prayer (Confession)

Song (Thanksgiving) [Grace Greater Than Our Sin](#)

Offering

Speaking the [Question 23: Why must the Redeemer be](#)
Truth/Doxology [truly God?](#)

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading [Genesis 32:1-33:20](#)

Sermon [From Fear to Faith](#)

Lord's Supper

Song of Response [I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow](#)

Benediction

WELCOME

If you are new with us, we'd love to get to know you.

Connect with us by filling up this form at gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome or through this QR code.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

LIVESTREAM FOR SATURDAY SERVICE

4 June onwards

As the pandemic situation has stabilised and restrictions have eased, we are encouraged to see more of the congregation physically worshipping in church as we seek to honour God's command to gather for corporate worship and to encourage one another in the faith.

The livestream for the Saturday service will be discontinued, starting from 4 June. We have seen a decrease in the number of views for the Saturday livestream. We also want to care for our AV team members who serve faithfully on both days. We thank God for our AV team who have served us faithfully during this time.

The livestream will continue to be available on Sundays. All the Sunday services can be found on our Youtube channel.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

5 June (Sun)

In-person

We have a Sunday School for children aged 3-12 years, from 9.30 am to 10.30 am. If you have questions, or if it is your first time here, please visit the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

Today's topic is, "Sin is ugly, but God continues to be gracious". They will be reading Genesis 32-33, where they will see how God continues to work out His perfect plans of blessing and reconciliation in His people despite their messy sin.

NURSERY

Room 503

The nursery is now available for babies to 3 year-old. Feel free to contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg) if you have any questions!

EQUIP

7 June (Tues)

8-9.10pm

Zoom

This next series from 7 to 28 June is titled "Growing in Jesus: Christian Living". The first session is, "What do I do as a member of the church?"

We also encourage participants to meet one-to-one to press out the applications in both our personal and church community life. If you are interested, sign up here: gracebaptistchurch.sg/letscontinue.

Link: <http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip-core>
(ID: 819 9393 8344, Passcode: equip)

TRAINING GROUPS

9 June (Thurs)

8-9.15pm

Zoom

This will be the first of two sessions where we will be reading the book "Deacons" by Matt Smethurst. This is open to all in church!

Register with Yanadi at yanadi@gracebaptistchurch.sg to join the group and also to order the book if you are keen.

**BAPTISM AND
TRANSFERS**

12 June (Sun

We will welcome by baptism, Matthew Seah and Eunice Wong and by transfer, Angela Ang, Aurelia Chan, Goh Yi Le, Agustina Gunawan, Gene Low, Sherry Sinclair, Tim Sinclair and Sarah Tan.

STAFF MOVEMENT

Gideon will be on leave from 4 to 14 June while Pastor Eugene will be on leave from 7 to 14 June.

**COLLECTION
(MAY 2022)**

General: \$136,439.53 (YTD: \$587,679.04)
Missions: \$58,511.13 (YTD: \$256,673.60)

APPRECIATION

Auntie Jennie Sng and her family would like to thank the pastoral staff and church members for their encouragement during their recent bereavement. They would like to convey their deep appreciation to all who turned up at the wake to offer support during their period of grief.

More info on events can be found at <https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar-> or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at www.tinyurl.com/gbcenews.

SERVE

**INTERESTED IN NEW
CARE GROUPS**

Calling for members interested to study the Bible in committed small groups in the following areas:

- Bukit Panjang
- Queenstown
- Marine Parade
- River Valley

Please write to cg@gracebaptistchurch.sg to register your interest.

GIVE

Giving is a way we worship God. You can now also give to the two funds via PayNow.

General Fund
Supports the
ministry of the
church



Missions Fund
Supports the
work of our
missionaries



SPEAKING THE TRUTH

For 2022, we will be going through the New City Catechism in our worship services. It is our prayer that we will grow in our knowledge of the truth and unity as we speak God's truth to one another as a part of our corporate worship.

Question 23: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

Answer: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

PRAY

Let us pray for our church in the following ways:

1. Pray for GBC to trust God in our trials, which God uses to grow us in faith.
2. Pray for the upcoming All-Leaders meeting on 11 June.
3. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of our baptism and transfer candidates as they prepare to join GBC on 12 June.

We will also pray for other churches and Christians in Singapore:

1. Pray for Christians in Singapore to hold fast to the hope of the gospel, and not be anxious amid growing challenges in the world and in our region.

We also seek to pray for the nation of Sri Lanka:

1. Pray for Christians in Sri Lanka to persevere and hold out the hope of the gospel amid a worsening situation.
2. Pray for God to mercifully restore order and stability.

If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer or through this QR code.



From Fear to Faith Genesis 32:1-33:20

Scripture Passage

Taken from the ESV

Genesis 32:1-32

[1] Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2] And when Jacob saw them he said, “This is God’s camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

[3] And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, [4] instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. [5] I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favour in your sight.’”

[6] And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” [7] Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, [8] thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

[9] And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ [10] I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. [11] Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. [12] But you said, ‘I will surely

do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.”

[13] So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, [14] two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, [15] thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. [16] These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, “Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove.” [17] He instructed the first, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, ‘To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?’ [18] then you shall say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.’” [19] He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, “You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, [20] and you shall say, ‘Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.’” For he thought, “I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.” [21] So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

[22] The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. [23] He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. [24] And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. [25] When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. [26] Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” [27] And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” [28] Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” [29] Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. [30] So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” [31] The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. [32] Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the

thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh. (ESV)

Genesis 33:1-20

[1] And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. [2] And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. [3] He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

[4] But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. [5] And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." [6] Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. [7] Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. [8] Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favour in the sight of my lord." [9] But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." [10] Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favour in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. [11] Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

[12] Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you." [13] But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. [14] Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

[15] So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favour in the

sight of my lord.” [16] So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. [17] But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

[18] And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. [19] And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem’s father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. [20] There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

Sermon Outline

1. Two Foes but Two Camps: Even through trials, God is with his people (Gen 32:1-21)
2. The Face of God: God draws near to bless the unlovely (Gen 32:22-32)
3. The Face of Esau: God’s unmerited favour shown through the unexpected (Gen 33:1-11)

Reflect and Respond

1. What are your coping mechanisms amidst fear? How do God’s promises speak to your fears?
2. How is God wrestling away your self-reliance? How are you coming to terms with your sin and your need for Christ?
3. How have we experienced unmerited favour through Christ? How might we extend it to others?

Next week’s sermon: From Disgrace to Grace (Genesis 34:1-35:29)

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