

We are a family, building Christ-centered homes who impact their world.

GraceFirst Worship Service  
5/11/25



Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: James 1:12-18

Offering

Hymns of Praise

*Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed*

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Genesis 39, "When Temptation Comes in Like a Flood"

Hymn of Commission - #287

Benediction

"Resolved, whenever I do any conspicuously evil action, to trace it back, till I come to the original cause; and then both carefully endeavor to do so no more, and to fight and pray with all my might against the original of it." – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Resolution of Jonathan Edwards

If this is your first time at GraceFirst, we hope you'll give us the chance to get to know you better by filling out a Connection Card from the pew rack in front of you, then drop it off at the Welcome Center as you leave and pick up a small gift.

**Wireless access:** Username=GraceFirstGuest; Password=Psalm145:9

# Looking ahead

## MAY

### 13 Men's Lunch Out

11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

### 14 VBS Volunteer Training

6:30 pm

### 18 Concert of Prayer

6:00 pm

## 22-26 Youth to Camp Eagle Rock

### 26 Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

### 28 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | BBQ at the Rappards' (rescheduled from 5/8)

## JUN

### 2-6 VBS

9 am - 11:30 am

### 4 No Youth Group

### 10 Men's Lunch Out

11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

### 15 & All-church Sunday School

22 9:00 am

### 29- Sunday School Break

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### 29 All-church Picnic

### Next Sunday

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim will continue in the series on Joseph.*

**Visit our website**

**[www.gracefirst.church](http://www.gracefirst.church)**

### VBS • June 2-6

**Volunteer registration is now open for VBS.** To register as a volunteer, go to [www.myvbs.org/GraceFirstChurch](http://www.myvbs.org/GraceFirstChurch). The sooner you register, the better. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact Amy Kusmaul. Registration for kids will open in May.

**Volunteer Meeting  
THIS Wednesday, 6:30 pm**

### Giving Report

Apr. 27:	\$ 4,532
May 4:	\$ 9,663
4-wk avg:	\$ 8,555
YTD Giving:	\$195,846

### **Our Elders**

Mark Goldberg, Chairman  
Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman  
Sean Jahansooz, Secretary  
Brian Werner, Stewardship  
Kevin Angell  
Mike Kuss  
Pastor Tim Cho

# **“When Temptation Comes in Like a Flood”**

## **Genesis 39**

Pastor Mike Andrus

May 11, 2025

**Introduction:** The life of Joseph is an amazing story that teaches us many powerful principles for the Christian life. This passage speaks directly to the issue of sexual temptation, an incredibly relevant topic for our day.

**Joseph enjoys success and prosperity explainable only by divine providence. (1-6)**

**Joseph experiences temptation that is powerful, persistent, and sudden. (6-15)**

**Joseph is able to resist temptation due to four godly perspectives: (9-12)**

He has a proper view of sin. (9)

He has a proper view of God. (9)

He has a proper view of others. (8-9)

He has a proper view of himself. (12)

**Joseph pays a heavy price for refusing to yield. (13-20)**

**But God doesn't abandon Joseph. (20-23)**

**Three questions to ponder:**

What should you do if you have been guilty of sexual sin?

If you are a victim of sexual sin?

If you are facing severe temptation right now?

**Conclusion:** Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, a Holy of Holies, a sanctuary.

## **Pray for our Church Family**

Janet Hunter  
John Ruhl  
Laurel Tiger

**For additional prayer needs, pick up the prayer sheet at the Welcome Desk by the main entrance.**

### **Recommended Reading for Apr - June (All books listed are in the library):**

1. The Providence of God:
  - a. Gregg Allison, Historical Theology, Ch. 13: Providence, 277-297.
  - b. John Frame, No Other God: A Response to Open Theism, Ch. 5: Is God's Will the Ultimate Explanation of Everything, 57-87.
  - c. Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, Ch. 16: God's Providence, 420-444.
  - d. Charles Swindoll, Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness.
2. God's Providential History:
  - a. Henry Morris, The Genesis Record, Ch. 22: Israel in Egypt – The Children of Israel, 627-668.
  - b. Bruce Shelly, Church History in Plain Language 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., Ch. 6: The Rules of Books – Formation of the Bible, 69-79.
3. Personal Response to God's Work:
  - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, Ch. 2: The Call to Discipleship, 56-78.

### **GraceFirst Sermon Plans**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Sermon</u></b>	<b><u>Preacher</u></b>
5/18/25	Gen. 40, "Joseph the Prisoner"	Pastor Tim
5/25/25	Gen. 41, "Joseph the Dream Interpreter"	Pastor Tim
6/1/25	Gen. 42, "Joseph's Brothers"	Pastor Tim
6/8/25	Gen. 43-45, "Joseph's Identity Revealed"	Dr. Jahansooz
6/15/25	Gen. 46-47:12, "Jacob's Journey"	Pastor Jake
6/22/25	Gen. 47:13-27, "Joseph's Rule"	Pastor Tim