

PALM SUNDAY...

kicks off Passion Week. Join us as we re-trace Jesus' steps on that pivotal and significant week. Learn how Jesus' final week transforms my life—**NOW!**
Join us for a great celebration next Sunday!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

APRIL 5

Easter Service

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★

Sunday @ 10:00 am

A HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT!
A FREE IPAD mini WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!

★ ★ ★ ★ EASTER CELEBRATION INVITE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS MORNING! ★ ★ ★ ★



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 9 AM—2 PM

AT 5 NEIGHBORING CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN
BEGIN AT 220 DIVISION ST.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for volunteers. Sign up now at:
www.LoveElginDay.org

ORIGINAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PAST THE WISHING
APRIL 23-25, 2015

rockford**first**

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SAVE THE DATE



Reinhard Bonnke
GOSPEL CRUSADE

BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO AMERICA

Mark your calendars for
this life-giving event!

ALLSTATE ARENA/CHICAGO
JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 7PM

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



CONNECTION CARD

#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

MARCH

TEACHING SERIES

MAR-01 / #Hope: It's Not too Late
**MAR-08 / #Hope: When I'm Running
Out of Everything**
**MAR-15 / #Hope: When I Can't See
My Way**
**MAR-22 / #Hope: When I've Come
Up Empty**
MAR-29 / Palm Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS

■	Emma G.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■	Lily M.	▶ Dementia
■	Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
■	Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
■	Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
■	Linda L.	▶ Health Issues
■	Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
■	Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
■	Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
■	Jim W.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■	Keith K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■	Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
■	Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
■	Kevin K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■	Danny L.	▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
■	Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
■	Jon/Sarah L.	▶ Job transfer to Illinois
■	Melva S.	▶ Cancer
■	Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
■	Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
■	Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Get out of the boat. Face your fears. Fail. Learn. Adjust. Try again.
And watch God do more than you can imagine." —Craig Groeschel

03/15/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

33

ATTENDANCE

\$1,798.25

GIVING

2

GUESTS

13

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

◆ WHEN I'VE
COME UP
EMPTY ◆

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. *Hebrews 10:23*

LUKE 5

The Miracle of the Full Nets

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

◆ Luke 5:1-7 ◆

HOW TO FIND HOPE WHEN I'VE COME UP EMPTY

1

GIVE JESUS COMPLETE ACCESS TO MY LIFE

Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

◆ Luke 5:3 ◆

2

I ADMIT MY EFFORTS AREN'T WORKING

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

◆ *Luke 5:4* ◆

(Jesus) "What is impossible for people to do is possible for God."

◆ *Luke 18:27* ◆

3

I OBEY EVERYTHING JESUS ASKS ME TO DO

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again."

◆ *Luke 5:5* ◆

The Keys to Peter's Obedience:

• HE DIDN'T ARGUE • HE DIDN'T HESITATE • HE DIDN'T LISTEN TO HIS FEELINGS

THE RESULT OF OBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS BLESSING!

4

I EXPECT JESUS TO TURN THINGS AROUND

"And this time their nets were so full they begin to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking."

◆ *Luke 5:6* ◆

WHERE ARE YOU COMING UP EMPTY?

IS THERE A NAGGING FAILURE THAT EATS AT YOU?

LET JESUS IN YOUR BOAT... LET THIS BE A TURNING POINT!