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**GARAGE
SALE** 491 RIVER
BLUFF ROAD

SEPT 11-12

**MERCY COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF STREAMWOOD**

**17th Anniversary
September 12-13, 2015
Guest Speaker, Terry Black**

MAX LUCADO
before amen

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE PRAYER
09.15.2015

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four-session-video-based study
where Max Lucado shows us
how to let go of uncertainties
about prayer, trust that God
hears us, and embrace a prayer
life that brings peace and rest.



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— THE FAREWELL TOUR —

**Sears Centre Arena
September 25-26, 2015**

More info: www.womenoffaith.com

CONNECTION CARD 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.



FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

Sep 06 / What to do on the Worst Day of Your Life

Sep 13 / What to do when You're Stabbed in the Back

Sep 20 / Guest Speaker - Nehemiah Heckler

Sep 27 / What to do when You're Back on Top

PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
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
Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
Danny L.	▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Bonnie T.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
Mary H.	▶ Health Issues
Jane M.	▶ Hospice Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"My sin in the past: **FORGIVEN**. My current struggles: **COVERED**. My future failures: **PAID IN FULL ALL BY THE MARVELOUS, INFINITE, MATCHLESS GRACE FOUND IN THE ATONING WORK OF THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST.**" -Matt Chandler

08/30/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

38

ATTENDANCE

\$1,949

GIVING

0

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. *Genesis 37:23-24, 28*

PIT TO PALACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

PERSEVERANCE

A LITTLE ABOUT JOSEPH

- Joseph is the 11th of 12 sons.
- He is dad's favorite.
- His older brothers are his half-brothers.
- This creates incredible conflict in the family.
- Joseph is oblivious to the conflict.
- Joseph did not see this coming.
- His brothers sold him for 20 pieces of silver.
- His robe was torn and stained with blood, then taken to his father saying that a wild beast had killed Joseph.

LESSONS FROM THE PIT

- 1. God covers Joseph in the pit.*
- 2. God coordinates events while Joseph is in the pit.*
- 3. God collects Joseph from the pit.*

JOSEPH FINDS HIMSELF AT THE BOTTOM OF A DEEP, DARK PIT. JOSEPH'S STORY IS FOR YOU. JOSEPH LOST HIS FAMILY, HIS DIGNITY, HIS FREEDOM AND HIS HOME.

HOW DO I PERSEVERE ON

THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE?



1

ADMIT I'M IN A PIT

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— *Gen. 37:23*

● Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

● *Psalm 86:1*

2

ACKNOWLEDGE MY RESPONSIBILITY

His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. *Genesis 37:8*



3

ACCEPT HELP FROM OTHERS

● “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

● *Genesis 37:22*

● ⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

● *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

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ALLOW GOD TO GROW MY CHARACTER

The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. *Genesis 39:2*

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. *2 Corinthians 4:17*

SEPT. 2015 EVENTS



TUE
01 **Praise Team**
REHEARSAL

SUN
06 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL*
Worship / Communion / Young Adults

MON
07 **Labor Day**

FRI
11 **Garage Sale @ Rodney's**

SAT
12 **Garage Sale @ Rodney's**
17th Anniversary Mercy Community Church

SUN
13 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL*
17th Anniversary Mercy Community Church

TUE
15 **Bible Study** / *BEFORE AMEN*

SUN
20 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL*
Worship / Guest Speaker: *Nehemiah Heckler*

TUE
22 **Bible Study** / *BEFORE AMEN*

FRI-SAT
25-26 **Women of Faith**
Farewell Tour / Sears Centre

SUN
27 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL* /
WORSHIP

TUE
29 **Bible Study** / *BEFORE AMEN*



A FRESH
VOICE 4
GOD...

NEHEMIAH
HECKLER
SUN SEPT 20 @ 10:00 AM
2015

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