

We Remember in Prayer

*Help carry one another's burden, and in this way
you will obey the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

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Steve Heizer

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WRE, RARA, Gideons
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Young Life, Theological
Seminaries, Habitat for
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Bank, Kings Way Help Center,
Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance, Massanetta
Springs, Rockbridge Area
Hospice, Samaritan's Purse,



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021—4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9:30AM Study School Online—"THE STORY"
Chapters 29: Paul's Mission

11:00AM Worship Service-**In-Person & Online**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

3:00PM Fellowship Time on Zoom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021—5TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9:30AM Study School Online—"THE STORY"
Chapters 30: Paul's Final Days

11:00AM Worship Service-**In-Person & Online**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Congregational Meeting — January 31, 2021

The usher for February—Linda Kuehne

LENTEN STUDY BEGINNING FEB. 21st



Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story.

In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

The book is available, but not required for the class. Information how to order. Search for: "The Grace of Les Misérables", and many sellers are available.

Psalm 111

- 1 Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.