



LIVE IT OUT CURRICULUM

BGC
BAPTIST GROVE CHURCH

SERMON RECAP

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS (READ Isaiah 40:12-31)

We are living in extremely difficult times. The cases of Coronavirus infection are increasing, and thousands of people have died as a result of this virus. This Pandemic is having a devastating effect on the economy as well. 3.3 million people filed for unemployment and that number is expected to continue to increase. But, in the face of the sobering reality that we are living, thank God for the glimmers of hope that are also on display. One such glimmer of hope is the "He's got the whole world in his hands" challenge sparked by playwright and movie producer, Tyler Perry. People all across the globe are singing this simple song. It is a simple song but very profound because it is anchored in the truth the Bible teaches us about who God is and what God is able to do. In fact, the prophet Isaiah reminds the people of God, enduring the hardship of exile, of this same truth—God has the whole world in his hands. Isaiah 40 redirects the focus of God's children from their problems to the power of God. Isaiah says God's greatness is our hope during times of heartache. Isaiah also says that a part of recognizing God's greatness is acknowledging our own fragility. Recognizing God's greatness and our own fragility should lead us to totally rely and depend upon him. When we rely upon God, we will not faint in the face of adversity, but rather our strength will be renewed!"

KEY POINTS

1. Our Hope Is In The Greatness Of Our God
2. Part Of Recognizing The Greatness Of God Is Facing Our Own Fragility
3. God's Greatness + Our Fragility= Total Dependence Upon Him

LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP

Part of BGC's vision is to strengthen relationships with others. This may include relationships within families, between roommates, individuals you work with, or your neighbors. We encourage you to gather your family and friends to participate in this activity to live in fellowship while diving into the word.

*He's got the fish of the sea in His hands
He's got the birds of the air in His hands
He's got the fish of the sea in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands*

SING YOUR SONG

After the sermon this week, we were blessed with a montage of videos from artists and believers from near and far contributing to a relay of verses to "He's Got the Whole World". This song is a traditional African American spiritual, first published in 1927, that carried a tune reminding those who were facing struggles that the world was in God's hands. This week, we invite all of our talented and undiscovered songwriters to join their family and friends to write their own verse. Each family and friends group will have 5 minutes to write their own verse to this treasured song's melody "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

JOIN THE CHORUS

Once you've developed your verse, join others to share the lyrics to your new verse. Share why your group chose these lyrics. Discuss moments where you were reminded that God had the whole world in His hands.

PRAY YOUR REFRAIN

Together, praise God for His sovereign presence in the World. Admit that there are times when your anxiety and worry take control of your heart and mind in challenging times. Thank God for having the utmost control in our lives and the world as we face this pandemic. Ask God for a renewed commitment to place fears and worries at His feet.

LET'S GO DEEPER

Conversation Starters

We encourage you to go even deeper in conversation this week by using these conversation starters to spark faith-filled conversation with your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or anyone else that you are lead to converse with.

1. How have you experienced God's greatness this week?
2. What makes God great?
3. In what ways are you dependent upon the greatness of God?
4. Part of recognizing the greatness of God is facing our own fragility. Why is this so hard for us to do?
5. What are you currently depending on God to do in your life?

LIVE IT OUT

Live It Out Challenge

Our hope is that our BGC family will challenge themselves to witness, apply, and grow beyond the time we spend together in corporate worship. Invite your friends and family to join in taking on this challenge with you. Before Sunday, we encourage you to connect with your friends/family and share your success of completing the challenge!

1. Write 5 verses (that speak to God's greatness) on 5 separate post-its and place them around your home in places you spend most of your time as a reminder of God's greatness.
2. Create a worry bowl where you write down your fears and anxieties that cross your mind each day. Choose a time to pray daily for the items in the bowl.
3. Share a video of you and your family/friends group singing your new verse and tag #BGCRaleigh on social media.

On Your Own

We often worry when faced with an uncertain future. In these difficult times, prayer connects us to God and energizes us to navigate anxiety with God. Yet, we often do not know what or how to pray. The Lord's Prayer anchors us to Jesus' own petition for provision and protection. In this Bible Plan, these familiar words will encourage you to prayerfully journey from troublesome worry to confident hope.

A Journey From Worry to Confident Hope: Praying Through the Lord's Prayer

<http://bible.com/r/4rg>



STAY CONNECTED

Worship Online

8am 10am & 12:15pm

Daily Prayer Call

6am & 6pm

515.604.9094

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Family Life Group Online

Wednesday @ 7pm

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