

Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2026.08.16

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Speaker-AM: Patrick Hite

Title: A Model for Prayer

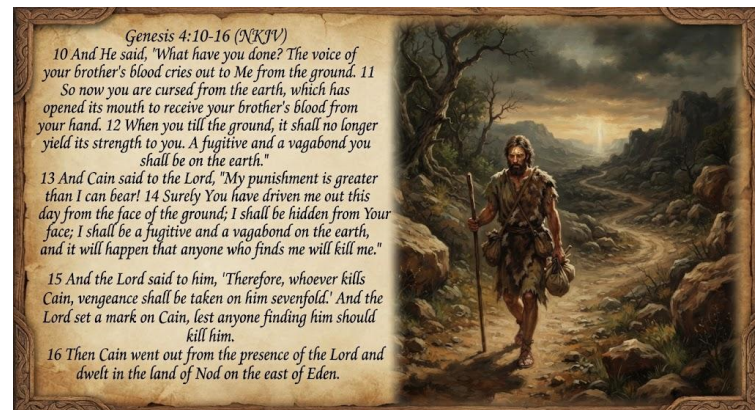
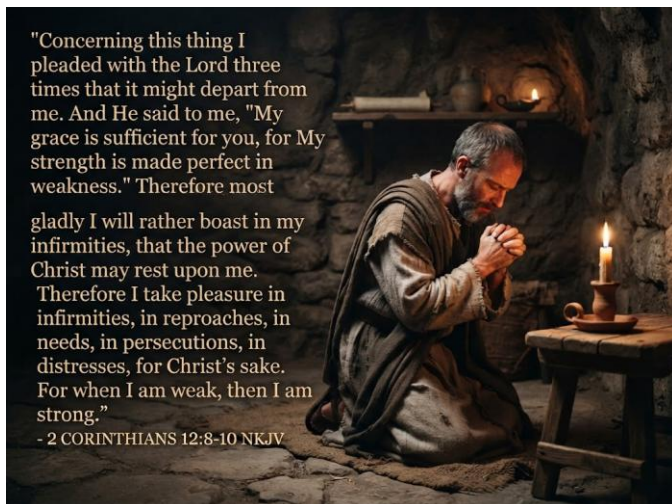
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Speaker-PM: Donovan Bale

Title: Forged in Exile

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News and Prayer Requests

- Gospel Meeting at the St. James Church of Christ, Aug 30 - Sept 4 with Bruce Reeves "Shaped for God's Glory"
 - Sunday @ 9:30am SACRIFICE - The Shepherd with Wounds
 - Sunday @ 10:15am PRAISE - One Song, One Body
 - Sunday @ 5:00pm CONVERSION – "And the Lord Opened Her Heart"
 - Monday @ 7:00pm TRANSFORMATION – "Should Christians Hear About Baptism?"
 - Tuesday @ 7:00pm FELLOWSHIP – "Can the New Testament Church Still Be Found?"
 - Wednesday @ 7:00pm ENCOURAGEMENT - Sowing to the Spirit on Ground Level
 - Thursday @ 7:00pm SANCTIFICATION - The Reshaping Power of Confession
 - Friday @ 7:00pm PERSEVERANCE - Praying Through the Pain

Help Along the Way, 8/20/2026 by David Gibson

Could he have ever made it into the city on his own? Temporarily blinded by his vision of the glorified Christ, Saul was led by the hand into the city by those traveling with him (Acts 22:11). Three days later he was told, "Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). In obeying he depended on the one who immersed him, but primarily on the Lord who cleansed him. Could he have ever found salvation on his own? Can we?

More than once, friends saved his life. Lydia graciously opened her home to Paul and his traveling companions. The Philippian church repeatedly sent him financial support. "Onesiphorus . . . often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains" (II Timothy 1:16). Others assisted in countless ways. Above all, the Lord sustained and protected him along the way.

Today believers often draw strength from one another, but especially from the Lord.

Thank God for all the help along the way!

Remember What God Has Done 8/20/2026 by Zeke Flores

"Know this day that I am not speaking with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of Yahweh your God" (Deuteronomy 11:2).

Deuteronomy 11 keeps pressing the point that obedience is tied to remembering what God has already done.

In Deuteronomy 11:2, He's telling the people to stop acting like spectators. They had firsthand experience with God's correction and provision. They weren't guessing; they knew.

This chapter pushes against selective memory. Israel had seen God's power, but they also saw the consequences of ignoring Him. Moses wants them to connect those experiences to their future choices. It's a simple principle. If you've seen what happens when you drift, don't drift. If you've seen what happens when you trust God, trust Him.

We tend to treat our past with God like disconnected episodes. Moses says to treat it like data. Look at the patterns. Look at what actually happened when you followed God versus when you didn't. Deuteronomy 11 invites you to make decisions based on what you already know to be true, not on whatever feels convenient today.