

SEPTEMBER



WEEK 1

3rd – **11:00am Service and Picnic at Stiglmeier Park, Guest Speaker George Gantz**
4th – Watch Season 1, Episode 1 - **"I Have Called You By Name"**
5th – Read Isaiah 43
6th – Read Luke 24:44, Hebrews 1:1-3, Luke 8:1-3
7:00pm *Midweek Service* **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "You Are Called"**
7th – Watch Season 1, Episode 2 - **"Shabbat"**
8th – Read Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 43:2
9th – Read Luke 14:7-14
10th – **10:30am Sunday Service Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "Soul Rest"**

WEEK 2

11th – Watch Season 1, Episode 3 - **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**
12th – Read John 17
13th – Read Matthew 18:1-5, Jude 1:24-25, Philippians 2:5-8
7:00pm *Midweek Service* **Guest Speaker Joella McLaurin - "Humble Hearts"**
14th – Watch Season 1, Episode 4 - **"The Rock On Which It Is Built"**
15th – Read Luke 5:1-11, James 4:13-15
16th – Read Luke 4:1-30
17th – **10:30am Sunday Service Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "Under Control"**

WEEK 3

18th – Watch Season 1, Episode 5 - **"The Wedding Gift"**
19th – Read Luke 2:41-52, Proverbs 30:4
20th – Read John 2:1-12, Ezekiel 36:26-27
7:00pm *Midweek Service* **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "See and Tell"**
21st – Watch Season 1, Episode 6 - **"Indescribable Compassion"**
22nd – Read Mark 1:40-45, Psalm 103:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
23rd – Read Mark 2:1-12, 2 Chronicles 7:14-18
24th – **10:30am Sunday Service Worship Pastor Alex Jordan - "Through the Roof"**

WEEK 4

25th – Watch Season 1, Episode 7 - **"Invitations"**
26th – Read Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:1-21
27th – Read Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1
7:00pm *Midweek Service* **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Get Used To Different"**
28th – Watch Season 1, Episode 8 - **"I Am He"**
29th – Read Mark 1:29-31, Isaiah 43:18-19
30th – Read John 4:1-42
October 1st – **10:30am Sunday Service Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "New You"**



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- 2nd – Watch Season 2, Episode 1 - **"Thunder"**
3rd – Read Matthew 5:1-12, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #1
4th – Read Isaiah 66:1-2, Matthew 13:24-30, Revelation 21:1-4
7:00pm Midweek Service **Worship Leader Lyana Macaluso - "New Reality"**
5th – Watch Season 2, Episode 2 - **"I Saw You"**
6th – Read John 1:35-51, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #2
7th – Read Psalms 34:18, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Isaiah 61:1-3
8th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "I See You"**
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- 9th – Watch Season 2, Episode 3 - **"Matthew 4:24"**
10th – Read Matthew 4:24, Psalm 139:7-12, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #3
11th – Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-35, Matthew 5:43-48, Proverbs 19:11, 1 Peter 1:13-16
7:00pm Midweek Service **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Beyond the Moment"**
12th – Watch Season 2, Episode 4 - **"The Perfect Opportunity"**
13th – Read John 5:1-15, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #4
14th – Read Zephaniah 3:15-20, 2 Timothy 2:22-26, 2 Peter 3:11-13
15th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Guest Speaker Cameron McLaurin - "Satisfaction"**
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- 16th – Watch Season 2, Episode 5 - **"Spirit"**
17th – Read Mark 5:1-20, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #5
18th – Read Hebrews 9:24-28, Matthew 18:21-35, Galatians 6:7-8, Colossians 3:12-17
7:00pm Midweek Service **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Have Mercy"**
19th – Watch Season 2, Episode 6 - **"Unlawful"**
20th – Read Matthew 6:1-34, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #6
21st – Read Hosea 6:6, Matthew 12:1-14, John 14:1-3, 1 John 3:1-3
22nd – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "Pure Hearted"**
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- 23rd – Watch Season 2, Episode 7 - **"Reckoning"**
24th – Read James 3:17-18, Matthew 16:24, *Beautiful Creations in Christ* "Blessed" Devotional #7
25th – Read Psalm 34:14, Psalm 37:11, Ephesians 2:14-18, Philippians 2:3-8, Isaiah 52:7
7:00pm Midweek Service **Worship Pastor Lydia Jordan - "Way of Peace"**
26th – Watch Season 2, Episode 8 - **"Beyond Mountains"**
27th – Read Matthew 5:13-42, John 14:22-27, *BCC* "Blessed" Devotional #8 & #9
28th – Read Matthew 7:1-29, 1 Peter 2:11-12, 1 Peter 3:13-17
29th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "God's Favor is Upon You"**



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October 30th – Watch Season 3, Episode 1 - **"Homecoming"**
October 31st – Read Mark 11:25, James 4:8
1st – Read Luke 23:34, Romans 8:28, Philippians 1:6
7:00pm Midweek Service **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Upside Down"**
2nd – Watch Season 3, Episode 2 - **"Two by Two"**
3rd – Read Matthew 10:1-14
4th – Read Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 12:1-2
5th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Worship Pastor Alex Jordan - "Trust His Plan"**

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6th – Watch Season 3, Episode 3 - **"Physician, Heal Yourself"**
7th – Read Luke 4:16-30, 1 Kings 17:8-16, 2 Kings 5:1-14
8th – Read Matthew 9:35-36, John 16:33, Isaiah 53:2-5, Psalm 23
7:00pm Midweek Service **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Comforter in Chief"**
9th – Watch Season 3, Episode 4 - **"Clean, Part 1"**
10th – Read Matthew 23:1-36
11th – Read Isaiah 40:28-31, John 14:6
12th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "Stories of Our Lives"**

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13th – Watch Season 3, Episode 5 - **"Clean, Part 2"**
14th – Read Mark 5:22-43
15th – Read Matthew 9:14-17, Galatians 5:1, 1 John 5:1-5, Psalm 37:4
7:00pm Midweek Service **Guest Speaker Eve Terhune - "Delighted"**
16th – Watch Season 3, Episode 6 - **"Intensity in Tent City"**
17th – Read Matthew 11:1-19 (or Luke 7:18-35)
18th – Read Matthew 3:1-17, James 1:5, 1 John 5:14-15
19th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "What Do You Expect?"**

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20th – Watch Season 3, Episode 7 - **"Ears to Hear"**
21st – Read Luke 6:32-36, Luke 14:16-24, Matthew 25:35-40
22nd – Read Titus 2:11, 1 John 4:7&19, John 15:18-19, Romans 8:9-11
23rd – **Happy Thanksgiving!**
24th – Read Matthew 14:13-33
25th – Read Mark 6:31-52
26th – 10:30am Sunday Service **Lead Pastor Daniel Macaluso - "You're Welcome"**
27th – Watch Season 3, Episode 8 - **"Sustenance"**
28th – Read Psalm 77, Numbers 15:37-41, John 6:1-21
29th – Read Luke 9:10-17, Matthew 17:20, 2 Peter 1:3-11
7:00pm Midweek Service **Women's Pastor Tracy Macaluso - "Step Out on Faith"**



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1. Yours is the Kingdom

Matthew 5:3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

"What happiness comes to you when you feel your spiritual poverty! For yours is the realm of heaven's kingdom."

- 1 Poor = comprehend your spiritual nothingness before God – there must be emptiness before there can be fullness. It means to be humble and totally dependent upon God for everything. Poverty of Spirit precedes riches and grace in the Kingdom of God. Jesus was looking for BROKEN PEOPLE who recognize their need for God. Jesus gives His listeners the keys to the Kingdom with this first statement, by prescribing the only means by which the spirit of man can be revived. To be "poor in spirit" one must admit their own utter spiritual destitution. They must be broken and contrite over the realization that they possess absolutely nothing to commend themselves to the Father and have no right to His Kingdom. The poor in spirit have only one remedy, and that is trusting in God. It could be translated as "Delighted are those who have surrendered completely to God and trust only in him." This total reliance upon God is the doorway into the kingdom realm.

What areas, currently, do you need to surrender completely to God? Do you see the remedy to your personal sin is to Trust Only in Him? Are you walking through the door of Total Reliance to the Almighty God?

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2. You Will Be Comforted

Matthew 5:4 *Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

- 2 Mourn in reference to SIN. Comforted by the discovery of an allocation of God's pardon. We discern our sin, deplore its effects and consequences and desire the deliverance which is in Christ. Separation from God because of sin causes mourning in our soul that is too deep for words. That separation causes such emptiness and pain, that those who experience it will often attempt to self-medicate through distraction, vain pursuits of pleasure, or even drugs. But only when we acknowledge and embrace the mournful state of our sinful hearts, can we find the comfort of our Redeemer. Our Godly sorrow leads us to repentance.

"What delight comes to you when you wait upon the Lord! For you will find what you long for."

The Greek is "mourn (grieve)." The Hebrew word for "wait" and for "mourn" is almost identical. As translated from the Aramaic word for comfort, *nethbayoon*, which can mean "to see the face of what (or who) you long for."

Psalms 27:14 *Here's what I've learned through it all:*

Don't give up; don't be impatient;

be entwined as one with the Lord (wait upon the Lord).

Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope.

Yes, keep on waiting—for he will never disappoint you!

Repentance will never be disappointing but reveal God to us. What are you waiting for?



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3. You Will Inherit the earth

Matthew 5:5 *Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

In the end, the humble receive far more than the arrogant and prideful. The meek enjoy life now on earth because of their

ability to be content. They will enjoy life even more on earth when Jesus returns in glory.

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In our culture where rights are everything and pride is a virtue, this brand of meekness seems like an insult that suggests weakness. But the meekness Jesus spoke of—and lived out—was far from weak. He chose to surrender His rights and submit to the Father's will, He poured Himself out for those He came to save, He became a servant even unto death so that the power of God could be displayed through Him. Through His meekness, He literally saved the world. Only through the surrender of our will to the Father's can we experience the power of meekness.

"What blessing comes to you when gentleness lives in you! For you will inherit the earth."

Psalms 37:11 *But the humble of heart will inherit every promise
and enjoy abundant peace.*

What do you still need to surrender to the Father's will?

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4. You Will Be Satisfied

Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

"How enriched you are when you crave righteousness (Or "goodness" or "justice")! For you will be satisfied."

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Because of Jesus, we can cling to the promise of everlasting righteousness in heaven.

We are filled by the Forgiveness of SIN.

The words translated as "hunger" and "thirst" here are related to words that describe someone dying of starvation and one in danger of death through dehydration. This likens to David's outcry in **Psalms 42**, *"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"* Jesus knew that the only thing that would truly satisfy our souls is the righteousness of God. Jesus is God's righteousness. He came to earth as the bread that gives life to the world, and those who partake in His living water never thirst again. When we seek God's Kingdom and righteousness first, He promises to take care of all our other needs.

Do you crave righteousness above all else?



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5. You Will Be shown Mercy

Matthew 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

"How blessed you are when you demonstrate tender mercy! For tender mercy will be demonstrated to you."

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We can show mercy to others because we have been given mercy ourselves. Since God has forgiven my sin, I should forgive others and extend them mercy and grace. Jesus prescribed a new way of dealing with people. This kind of mercy—the unmerited kind—opened the door for Jesus's ultimate example of mercy to be revealed in the form of His saving grace.

James 2:13 *Remember that judgment is merciless for the one who judges others without mercy. So by showing mercy, you take dominion over judgment! "Mercy triumphs over judgment."*

Is there anyone in your life that you need to extend mercy to?

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6. You Will See God

Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

"What bliss you experience when your heart is pure! For then your eyes will open to see more and more of God."

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We see and experience God's presence because we are freed from self-righteousness and arrogance. Our hearts have been purified from evil desires and pride.

Psalms 51:10 *Keep creating in me a clean heart. Fill me with pure thoughts and holy desires, ready to please you.*

David knew he had no goodness without God placing it within him. David wanted a new creation heart, not just the old one changed.

To be pure in heart is to have a single-minded devotion to seek God and yield to His ways. Because no one can boast of a sin-free heart, God sent His Son to redeem us. When we cling to Him, He purifies our hearts and makes us new and whole.

Psalms 17:15 (Voice) *But as for me, my hope is to see Your face.*

*When I am vindicated, I will look upon the holy face of God,
and when I awake, the longing of my soul will be satisfied in the glow of Your presence.*

Is there sin in your heart that is blocking your view of God?



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7. You Will Be called Child of God

Matthew 5:9 *Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

"How joyful you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God."

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God chose to make peace with us when he sent his own Son as the Prince of Peace. We are called to make and keep the peace with others individually and as communities (the church).

The Hebrew word for peace, *Shalom*, means much more than just absence from strife. It means completeness or wholeness. Apart from Christ, it's impossible to live at peace with others because He is our *Shalom*. *"For he himself is our peace.... His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace"* (Eph2).

Who are you leading to Christ's peace?

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8. Yours is the Kingdom

Matthew 5:10 *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

"How enriched you are when persecuted for doing what is right! For then you experience the realm of heaven's kingdom."

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Suffering because of our loyalty to God binds us more closely to the Kingdom for which we suffer.

Acts 5:25-42 *When they brought them before the council, the high priest demanded an explanation, 28 saying, "Didn't we strictly warn you that you were to never again teach in this name? But instead you have now filled all of Jerusalem with this doctrine and are committed to holding us responsible for this man's death!" 29 Peter and the apostles replied, "We must listen to and obey God more than pleasing religious leaders. 30 You had Jesus arrested and killed by crucifixion, but the God of our forefathers has raised him up. 31 He's the one God has exalted and seated at his right hand as our Savior and Champion. He is the provider of grace as the Redeemer of Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God freely gives to all who believe in him." 33 When they heard this, they were infuriated...So they brought the apostles back in and had them severely beaten. They ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus and then let them go.41 **The apostles left there rejoicing, thrilled that God had considered them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.** 42 And nothing stopped them! They kept preaching every day in the temple courts and went from house to house, preaching the gospel of Jesus, God's Anointed One!*

What stops you from sharing your faith?



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9. Rejoice and Be Glad

Matthew 5:11-12 *Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.*

"How blessed you are when people insult and persecute you and speak all kinds of cruel lies about you because of your love for me! 12 So leap for joy—since your heavenly reward is great.

No one enjoys criticism. But when it is in defense of truth, we can rejoice because God has a great reward planned for those who persevere to the end. We are to live in such a way that people have to lie when they speak evil of us as believers in Christ.

Psalm 119:85-87 *Arrogant men who hate your truth and never obey your laws have laid a trap for my life.*

*86 They don't know that everything you say is true,
so they harass me with their lies. Help me, Lord!
87 They've nearly destroyed my life, but I refuse to yield;
I still live according to your Word.*

James 1:2-4 *My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! 3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up in you the power of endurance. 4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger, it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.*

Let us refuse to yield, cling to the truth when our faith is tested, endure what the world throws at us because we can rejoice in the promised reward Jesus provides!

