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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. Philemon 4-5



SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

Pastor Greg discussed Paul's missionary journeys and the importance of encouraging each other as we live out our faith.

THIS WEEK'S READING: Acts 25-28, Philemon, Jude

Watch these videos to get a good sense of what is happening in [Philemon](#) and [Jude](#).



REFLECTIONS: Dr. Glover - Acts 25-28, Philemon, Jude

Paul's travels and dangers in Acts 25-28 remind us of some of the experiences we had while we were traveling and working in Paraguay, Bolivia, and Thailand. We were always almost amazed to see how God used these experiences to teach us and move his work forward.

In Paraguay, we made our first trip to the Pai tribe. The Mission was just beginning their work among this tribe. The Pai were unwelcoming to any outsiders. They refused to come for any medical attention. Don, the missionary at that time, decided that if they wouldn't come to us, we would go to them. We got in the Mission's truck and went across the stream to their reservation. We set up and started seeing people. On each visit we do a hemoglobin survey and weigh all of the children under five years of age.

The Pai were coming and seemed to appreciate the attention. However, soon two men in nondescript uniforms came and talked with Don. He told us that we had to leave and that the men told the people that they should have nothing to do with us.

All we could do was to get back in the truck with our stuff and go back to Don's house. I have to admit that I wasn't saying, "Praise the Lord". When we got there, some of the Pai were already there. We kept busy during the rest of our visit. Since that time, the Pai were one of the more cooperative and compliant tribes that we visited. It seemed that the Lord used that experience to open them up to us and our work.

I talked with Don later about this experience. He said that he was afraid that the men were going to do physical harm to us. The Lord was there and used this experience to move his work along. He was doing the same thing for Paul during his missionary journeys.



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Greg Applequist: SERMON TEXT - Philemon 1-25

In finishing up the book of Acts, what stands out to you from Paul's journey in the second half of the book? How does reading Acts change the way you think about what it means to be a part of the church?

*What stands out to you as you read through the book of Philemon?
What does it teach us about God?*

*What stands out to you as you read through the book of Jude?
What does it teach us about God?*

BUILDING UPDATE



Demolition continues on the building and progress can definitely be seen! There is quite a large amount of dust being generated so if you have any old sheets and boxes you could drop off, we will put them to good use.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

Read Chapter 9 of All of Us and check out [Shine at Home](#).

Choose who will read the parts of God and Pharaoh. Before reading, have each person draw a sad face on a piece of paper. Throughout the story hold up the sad face every time a new plague appears and cross their arms every time Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go. Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family.

- I wonder how Moses and Aaron felt each time they had to talk with Pharaoh.
- I wonder how the people felt when all the bad things were happening.
- Invite one person to read the God's Story prompt on page 58 in All of Us. Allow time for everyone to respond.
- Tell about a time when you thought something wasn't fair.
- Invite one person to read the My Story prompt on page 57 in All of Us. Allow time for everyone to respond.