**God’s Faithfulness**

Introduction

I. Reasons we have to be thankful as Americans

 A. Our freedom to worship without fear of persecution

 B. The abundance of food

 C. A great economy

 D. The US is the largest source of funding of foreign missions in the world

II. It would be great if the US reclaimed its place as sending the most missionaries abroad which is no longer the case

A journey through cancer

I. Jesus’ feels our pain with us

Hebrews 4:15-16: We do not have a priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses

II. God often takes us into wilderness places “for a time of breaking and making”

A. We often create our own small ambitions and God often breaks us and brings us to a place of dependence in which He opens us to Himself and to something bigger He wants to do in and through us.

1. Example: Moses. He had all the privileges of Pharaoh’s household, yet God took him to the wilderness for forty years to teach him dependence and humility and to prepare him for his task.

2. He may be preparing us for something greater in this life, such as a particular ministry or to create in us a heart of compassion for others.

3. Or he may be preparing us for eternity.

B. God often brings us to a place of desperation and then he works miracles and wonders to demonstrate his authority and his love

 1. Example: the red sea.

C. We need to operate in the sixth sense: = faith

III. We are sons and daughters of the King of Kings and are constant recipients of his love and favor and sent out with his authority

 A. Satan uses guilt and doubt to attack this truth

B. Story of the child in the candy store who let the owner fill his pockets with candy. We need to let God fill us with his love and blessing.

C. It is time for the church to take its place in society and fulfill the role God has given to it

1. God has a bigger plan for the church than simply Sunday morning and a mid-week Bible study

 2. God calls us to engage in dangerous exploits for his kingdom

 3. God wants to bless the world through his church

 4. It is time to wake up from our lethargy

**Discussion Questions**

1. What was the most impactful idea or comment from Sunday’s message?

2. Consider Hebrews 4:15-16. When you are going through trials, are you able to fully embrace the truth of those verses? How real and relevant is that truth in your life?

3. On Sunday, we discussed the truth that God often takes us into wilderness places “for a time of breaking and making.” The following statement was made: “We often create our own small ambitions and God often breaks us and brings us to a place of dependence in which He opens us to something bigger He wants to do in and through us.” Have you seen that reality play out in your own life?

4. On Sunday, Adrian challenged the church to wake up from its lethargy. He made statements such as the following: “God has a bigger plan for the church than simply Sunday morning and a mid-week Bible study. God wants to bless the world through us, and He calls us to engage in dangerous exploits for his kingdom.” Do you agree with this sentiment? If so, what might that actually look like for us at Grace Fellowship Church?

5. Repeatedly, Adrian said that we are sons and daughters of the King of Kings who loves us deeply. Do you live regularly in that reality?