

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONNECT GROUPS: All adults not already in another TCCO Connect Group are encouraged to join one of our “Pray at Your Own Risk” Connect Groups for the month of January! There is a group for everyone, with different meeting days and times throughout the week (childcare available for the Monday night group). We are also excited to announce and launch all our new and open Connect Groups for the Spring 2026 Semester! Don't miss this opportunity to connect to Jesus and each other, we are NOT created or meant to do life alone. All NEW Spring Connect Groups will begin the first week of February. For more information or to sign up, scan this QR code. Email lindsey@theconnecting.co with any questions.



LUNCH WITH THE STAFF: Our Winter Semester LWTS is scheduled for NEXT Sun. 1/25, 12:30-2:00pm. This event is important for anyone that has never attended one before or is new to TCCO in the last 6-12 months. LWTS is a great opportunity to hear our hearts and more of our story as a church; to learn about our mission, vision and core values; to connect with and meet our staff and some of our leadership team; to ask any questions; and to get more connected. Lunch and childcare for 5th grade and under (by request only) is provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP no later than THIS Wed. 1/21. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO STUDENTS+ CEREAL PALOOZA NIGHT! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wed. 1/27 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:30pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Join us for a fun evening filled with eating all your favorite cereals, games and learning how it all connects to God's love for us! Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

TCCO KIDS CONNECT EVENT: Join us for our next TCCO Kids Connect Event on Mon. 2/9 9:30-11:00am at Tulsa Play & Café in Bixby! TCCO Kids has rented out the entire facility just for our group. Kids will have a blast playing in the indoor play areas and tiny town, while parents get to enjoy a coffee/snack and connect with one another. Cost is \$10 per child and non-slip socks are required to play (bring your own or purchase a pair for \$2.95). Use the QR code to register. Contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

TCCO'S 2026 MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Sat. 3/28, 9:00am-4:30pm at The View at Hillside Barn in Sapulpa. You can expect practical teachings, powerful worship, and an environment that is fun, engaging, and inspiring! Registration is NOW OPEN. Use the QR code to register no later than Sun. 3/15, or before all 150 spots are taken! Be sure to enter “2 people” when you register. Cost is \$100 per person and includes all meals, snacks, drinks, and all conference sessions, activities and materials. All engaged and married couples are welcome! Contact brittany@theconnecting.co for more information or with any questions. You will not want to miss this! We believe having the marriage you always dreamed of is possible, as you learn to do marriage God's way!

SAVE THE DATES

Sun. 2/1, Involved International Day
Fri. 2/27, TCCO Bingo Night Fundraiser



PRAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

“Praying With A Generational Lens”

Week 3

Travis Cherry



we exist to
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Prayer is not just about asking God to _____ the _____. ... prayer must also be about _____ God with the _____.

Often the _____ we experience in prayer comes from a mismatch of _____. We are praying from where we are _____...and God is answering from where He is _____.

Before God invites us to trust His _____...He invites us to _____ the gap between our _____ and His.

Isaiah 55:8–9 — ⁸ *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.* ⁹ *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Jeremiah 29:11–14 — ¹¹ *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

¹² *Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.*

¹³ *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.* ¹⁴ *I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.*

God has always _____ Himself in Scripture as a God who works and moves _____.

TRUTHS TO HELP US HAVE A LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE PRAY:

1. OUR _____ IS A _____ GOD

Exodus 3:6a — “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Hebrews 11:13 — *These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged they were strangers and exiles on earth.*

“_____ is God’s way of creating a future that is not yet _____.”

— Walter Brueggemann

When we begin to pray with a _____ faith and understanding... our prayers stop being only about _____ or what happens _____...and start becoming about what will _____.

2. _____ - _____ PRAYERS SHAPE THE _____

Psalm 102:18 — *Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:*

_____ is meant to be _____ down.

“Life is never made unbearable by _____, but only by lack of _____.” — Viktor Frankl

Psalm 103:17–18 — ¹⁷ *But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children,* ¹⁸ *to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.*

3. YOU MAY NEVER _____ THE _____, BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO _____ THE _____

1 Corinthians 3:6 — *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.*

Planting is _____ work...it requires _____...it requires _____...it requires _____.

If our only _____ in sowing a seed or _____ a prayer is to be the one to reap the reward or see the answer, our _____ and _____ are wrong.

“Life can only be understood _____, but it must be lived _____.”
— Søren Kierkegaard

We rarely understand or see the _____ of our _____ while we are in it.

We must stop praying for _____ and start praying for _____.

We must no longer only ask God to help us _____ our current _____. We must begin to ask God to shape and build a _____ through us and our prayers.

“One of the primary tasks of the church is to keep people _____ to the _____ view.” — Eugene Peterson

Habakkuk 2:2 — *And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.”*