

ANNOUNCEMENTS

03.29.2026

TCCO KIDS EASTER CONNECT EVENT: All TCCO Kids (birth-5th grade) & their parents/families are invited to join us for a fun and intentional evening learning about the Easter Story THIS Wed. 4/1 from 6:30-8:00pm. Register by TODAY Sun. 3/29 using the QR code; contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions.

EASTER SUNDAY: Join us for Easter Sunday 4/5 at 9am or 11am! This is a great day to invite your family and friends! We will have powerful worship, a great message, special Easter treats for everyone, a photo op and fun Easter activities for our TCCO Kids! You will NOT want to miss Easter Sunday at TCCO as we celebrate Jesus and all that Easter means to us together as a church family!

BAPTISM SUNDAY: Join us on Sun. 4/12 at 9am & 11am as we celebrate with everyone taking this exciting, important step! If you have never been baptized before or feel your baptism was out of order, don't miss this opportunity! Use the QR code to register no later than Sun. 4/5. Email walter@theconnecting.co with any questions. All TCCO Kids ages K-5th Grade wanting to be baptized, contact elaine@theconnecting.co.

SPRING SHE EVENT: Join us for our next SHE Night on Fri. 4/17, 6:30-8:30pm at TCCO. We have a fun and intentional night planned for you, including refreshments, worship, devotion from Pastor Leann and time to talk and connect with other ladies. Open to ALL ladies 16 & older; invite all the women in your life to join you. Use the QR code to register, by Tues. 4/14. No childcare is provided, however, if that would keep you from attending, please contact one of our staff ladies. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST & WORK DAY: All men 16 & older are invited to join us Sat. 4/18 at 9am at TCCO. Don't miss out on great coffee, pancakes, bacon, eggs, a powerful devotion from Pastor Travis, and a great opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 4/16. Immediately following this event, we will be having a church workday to make repairs and updates to our building. Everyone is invited to stick around and help out! Questions? Contact walter@theconnecting.co.

SAVE THE DATES

Wed. 4/29, TCCO Students+ Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch



PORTRAITS OF THE SAVIOR

“The Sacrifice”

Week 4

Travis Cherry



we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
each other

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3.29.2026

Real love always does 3 things:

- Love gives.
- Love risks.
- Love costs.

Suffering is not something that occasionally happens to love...

suffering is built into love itself.

1 John 4:8 — *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Jesus did not just talk about love...He embodied it.

He did not just teach about sacrifice...He became the sacrifice.

And when real love is fully expressed...It always requires sacrifice.

Mark 8:29 — *And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”*

Mark 8:31 — *And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

THE PORTRAIT OF THE SAVIOR AS THE SACRIFICE:

1. The Necessity of the Sacrifice

Romans 6:23 — *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Hebrews 9:22 — *Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

True forgiveness always requires sacrifice and suffering.

2. The Physical Reality of the Sacrifice

Isaiah 53:5 — *But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

“Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.” — John Stott

3. The Paradox of the King Who Sacrificed

Colossians 2:15 — *He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

- The greatest victory in history looked like loss to most.
- The throne of this King is a cross.
- The crown of this King is thorns.
- The victory of this King is sacrifice.

4. The Call of The Sacrifice

Mark 8:34 — And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Mark 8:35 — *For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel’s will save it.*

Jesus sacrificed Himself so we could find life...and now He calls us to surrender so we can truly live.

Jesus lost His life so we could find ours...and we find our life when we finally surrender it back to Him.

Luke 22:19 — *And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Luke 22:20 — *And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”*