



Love for the Unlovely

THE STORY OF GRACE
IN THE LIFE OF JACOB



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
鐵士頓中國教會

Almost There

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Family Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 31:17-42*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

“Almost There” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together
whenever we gather so we
never forget our need of mercy
and God's abundant provision
of it in the gospel.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Wrestling with God

May 25 | *Genesis 32* | Stanley Chang

Acceptance

June 1 | *Genesis 33* | Jason Tarn

Defilement

June 8 | *Genesis 34* | Jason Tarn

A New Name

June 15 | *Genesis 35:1-36:43* | Jason Tarn



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video
recordings can
be found here:

hcc.lv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes at 11:00am -12:15pm. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

Old Testament Survey (Part 6 of 6) | Rm 113

Shepherding a Child's Heart | Rm 115

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3) | Rm 210

Love for the Unlovely: The Story of Grace in the Life of Jacob

Almost There

Genesis 31:17-55

At this point in his narrative, Jacob, as a work-in-progress, is almost there. That pivotal moment that will transform his life will unfold in the next chapter. Slowly he is coming to trust God and act righteously. Now, in our passage, Jacob's character arc is juxtaposed to Laban, who embodies the kind of person Jacob once was. When we consider Laban's actions, we gain a better sense of the factors that keep individuals from experiencing the grace of conversion.

1. Stealing your heart

2. Exposing your idols

3. Confronting your fear

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Membership Classes | *Today, May 18th | 11:00am-12:15pm | Trailer 416*

Classes today and next Sunday, May 25th will walk through becoming a member of HCC. Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to schedule a makeup class.

Newcomer's Luncheon | *Today, May 18th | 12:30pm | Youth Room*

Are you new to Houston Chinese Church? Interested in learning more about our church and how to get connected? Join us at our next Newcomer's Luncheon. Lunch is on us!

General Membership Meeting | *Today, May 18th | 12:30pm | Sanctuary*

The Church Council will conduct a General Membership Meeting (GMM) to approve the sale of a portion of our original property to help fund the renovation of our new building. Authorization will be met by a two-thirds majority. In addition, HCC will hold another GMM to authorize the actual transaction when the time comes.

Weekly Churchwide Legacy Ministry | *Every Wednesdays | 10:00am-2:00pm | HCC*

Please register each week for our older adults ministry for lunch count: hcc.lv/legacymin

Women's Bible Study | *Thursdays, June 5th-July 17th | 7:15pm-9:00pm | Youth Room*

Join the women of HCC for a summer women's Bible study through Isaiah!

There is no cost to participate outside of the Study Guide. Sign up at: hcc.lv/women.

Deadline is Sunday, May 25th. Contact Sarah Peters at womensministry@hcchome.org

CHURCH NOTICES

English Minister Search Update

On May 10th, the Church Council approved the search committee's recommendation to call Brother Melvin Huang to serve as our new English Minister. Once an offer letter is issued and signed, we will update you on his start date this summer. After onboarding Melvin in his role, Pastor Henry will transition to his new role as our Administrative Pastor.

Names of Prospective Deacons | *Submit names by Sunday, June 1st*

HCC members are encouraged to pray over and suggest names of qualified members to be considered for the office of deacon. Open deacon positions for the 2026-2027 term include: (1) English Children's Ministry, (2) English Mercy Ministry, (3) English Family Life, (4) English Worship, (5) English Adult Education, (6) Chinese Community Service, (7) Chinese Local Outreach, (8) Mandarin Worship, (9) Cantonese Worship, (10) Cantonese Fellowship, (11) Treasurer for Personnel, Policies, and Planning. Submit names by Sunday, June 1st via the designated lobby booth or online Deacon Suggestion Form: hcc.lv/deaconsuggestion26en. All submissions are held strictly confidential. For questions, contact office@hcchome.org

Help Our Community (C.A.R.E) | *Sundays, May 18th - June 8th | Lobby*

Support Cunningham Elementary School students by purchasing \$10 Chinese-American Relief Effort (CARE) raffle tickets. Your contribution will be used to provide backpacks and school supplies to students in need.

No Children, Nursery, or Youth Program | *May 23rd and May 30th*

Awana ended with closing ceremony on 5/16 and will resume in September 2025. Nursery is available on 5/23 but will not be available on 5/30.

FAMILY LIFE

MOLO Playdate | *Wednesday, May 21st | 9:30am-11:30am | Fire Truck Park*

MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will be having our last playdate of the school year this Wednesday at Fire Truck Park! For questions, or inclement weather, contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

333

ENGLISH

88

CANTONESE

215

MANDARIN

65

YOUTH

109

CHILDREN

29+38

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

889

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

58

ENGLISH

58

CANTONESE

63

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

26

MANDARIN

8

YOUTH

6

CHILDREN



MAY 11, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$14,574.56	\$750,247.63	(\$329,155.63)	(\$476,418.15)
PCC GENERAL	\$5,572.00	\$74,699.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$3,300.00	\$177,933.78		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	-	\$519,180.67		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$10,000.00	\$160,413.73		
CAMBOD. KINDER PROJECT	\$500.00	\$3,451.00		
LAOS WATER WELL	\$200.00	\$2,180.00		



BABY NEWS

Zachary Dean Chen born to Aaron and Mimi Chen this past Monday on May 12.



STAFF ITINERARY

Henry Ow: Missions Training, 5/16-18

Linh Phan: Vacation, 5/21-23



LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

Living Spring/Agape (this week)

NO LUNCH (next week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/pray25

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PARTIAL GIVING FUND



PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

"27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge

"25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge

"22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund

ABOUT US

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

Sign Up for Our Newsletter | hcc.lv/news

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



HCC Women's Ministry

Upheld: Meeting Our Trustworthy God Through Isaiah



*I am with you, I will
strengthen and help
you, I will uphold you.*

Join Bible teacher Kori
de Leon in this Bible
study experience on
Isaiah 40–48, pointing
us to God's faithfulness
and mercy.

June 5 - July 17
7:15pm - 9pm
Thursdays | Youth Room

