



Love for the Unlovely

THE STORY OF GRACE
IN THE LIFE OF JACOB



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Wrestling With God

Preacher: Stanley Chang

Sunday, May 25, 2025 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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SERMON NOTES

MAY 25, 2025

MINISTER STANLEY CHANG

Love for the Unlovely: The Story of Grace in the Life of Jacob Wrestling with God *Genesis 32*

Nearing the end of Jacob's story, we encounter one of the more mysterious moments of Jacob's life. He wrestles with a man in the middle of the night. This is more than a random wrestling match but we encountered one of the most pivotal moments in his life. As we have said over and over again, Jacob's story is a story of God's grace. What we get to see in our passage today is what Jacob will receive through God's grace: Divine Deliverance, a New Name, and a Lingering Limp.

1. Divine Deliverance

2. New Name

3. Lingering Limp



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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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 32:1-32*

Worship in the Word, Minister Stanley Chang

“Wrestling with God” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Call to Worship

The call to worship exhorts God's people to turn from worldly distractions and to focus hearts, minds, and actions on revering him.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

A Better Messenger

June 22 | Hebrews 1:1-2:4 | 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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Membership Class | *Today, May 25th | 11:00am-12:15pm | Trailer 416*

Class today will walk through becoming a member of HCC. To schedule a makeup class, contact englishadmin@hcchome.org

Help Our Community through C.A.R.E | *Sundays, May 18th to 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.

Taiwan Mission Bake Sale | *Sunday, June 8th | After Service*

Taiwan STM team will hold a bake sale fundraiser at HCC lobby to support our local ministry partners in Taiwan: Yongkang Bread of Life Church and Wanfang Baptist Church. The STM team will be in Taiwan from 7/4-20. To directly support our team members, contact Mr. Frank at frankt@hcchome.org for more info.

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*

Today is the last day to sign up for the women's summer Bible study at: hcc.lv/women

Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship

High school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students are invited to apply for the 2025 Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship. For details and to apply, please visit hcc.lv/chs2025. Application deadline is July 5th.

CHURCH NOTICES

Voting Results for Church Land Sale

In the General Meeting held on May 18, 2025, out of the 354 members in attendance: 317 voted FOR, 26 voted AGAINST, and 11 chose to abstain (92% agree).

Church Office Closed on Tuesday, May 27th

The church office will be closed this Tuesday in observance of Memorial Day.

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

FAMILY LIFE

Little Lambs Storytime | *Wednesday, May 28th | 9:30am-11:00am | HCC Rm103b*

Join us for the last storytime of the academic year with songs and stories in Chinese! Suitable for children 4 yrs old and under. Join our Discord server for updates: hcc.lv/littlelambs and soniawhsia@gmail.com for more info.

No Nursery, Youth, & Kids Program This Friday, May 30th

Awana ended with closing ceremony on 5/16 and will resume in September 2025.

Summer Children's Program

Summer Friday Children's Hangouts and Nursery will run from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Fridays in June, July and August except for holiday weekends (7/4, 8/29).

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 18, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

264

ENGLISH

74

CANTONESE

196

MANDARIN

70

YOUTH

104

CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

27+38

ENG+MAND

-

CHILDREN

773

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

59

ENGLISH

59

CANTONESE

62

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

5

ENGLISH

-

MANDARIN

5

YOUTH

-

CHILDREN



MAY 18, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$26,894.81	\$777,142.44	(\$355,720.71)	(\$504,953.58)
PCC GENERAL	\$464.00	\$75,163.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$5,301.22	\$183,235.00		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$2,300.00	\$521,480.67		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$475.27	\$160,889.00		
CAMBODIA KINDER PROJECT	-	\$3,451.00		
LAOS WATER WELL	-	\$2,180.00		



STAFF ITINERARY

Henry Ow: Cont'd Ed, 5/26-30

Mauricio Cardona: Vacation, 5/28



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

NO LUNCH (this week)

Jason & Shirley/Patrick & Debbie (next week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's

Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/pray25

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAPERAL GIVING FUNDS



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.

English Adult Sunday School – Summer 2025

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Next Sunday marks the start of the summer quarter. We have three classes. Join us to learn more about God, theology, and the Bible. Sunday School classes meet at 11:00 am in the classrooms listed below.

Survey of Church History: The Medieval Church (AD 500-1500)

Led by James Hsia, Melvin Huang, & Jason Tarn

Room 113

The church possesses a rich history. Its history enables us to understand the Bible better and deepen our worship of God. This class, taught by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey (Ligonier Ministries), will explore the hopes, challenges, triumphs, and tragedies of Christianity during the Middle Ages. This class will consist of a 25-30 minute video lecture followed by discussion.

***A Praying Life* by Paul E. Miller**

Room 115

Led by Henry Ow, Brian Ng, & Nathan Leu

Prayer can sometimes feel like an ineffective chore that we should be doing, but prayer is simply a child having a conversation with a good Father through the normal rhythms of life. Join us as we study the book: *A Praying Life* by Paul E. Miller and learn about prayer and implement practices from the book into our class and individual prayer lives.

Developing Skills to Enhance Your Personal Study of the Bible: Using Time-tested Methods and 21st Century Tools

Led by Bill Huang

Room 210

In Acts 17:11, Paul noted that the Bereans “received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so”. Are we able to study the Bible each day like the Bereans did? In this class, we will study passages of Scripture using the steps of observation, asking questions, interpretation and application of the text. To interpret the text, we will use the Bible as much as possible to answer our questions, along with tools such as lexicons and concordances. Attendees will have an opportunity to express their specific learning needs and class sessions will be designed to encourage their active participation. It will be helpful to bring a tablet or laptop computer to class. At the conclusion of this class, attendees will be able to study a passage of the Bible, make observations, interpret it and apply it to their lives. Further growth of these skills will occur as participants continue to study the Bible on their own.