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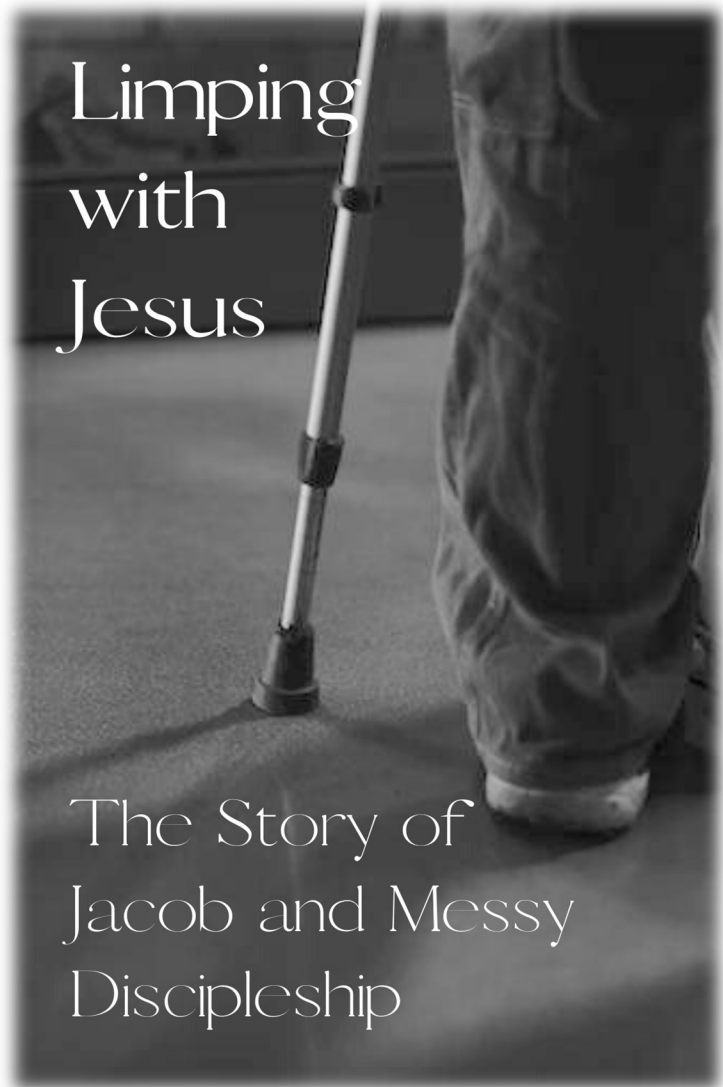
Worship with Us

Sunday service @ 9am
In-Person and Facebook Live

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A New Sermon Series
Beginning Sunday, July 2

Daily – Doggedly – Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

At the end of this month I am going on a ROAD TRIP to see lots of my canine (and human) friends.

It's been four years since the last Comfort Dog Conference in Chicago. (And believe me, four years is a long time for us puppies!)

I will see Comfort Dogs that I have trained with and worked with over the years.

The Conference is also a time for our handlers to learn more about working with us dogs and sharing the love of Jesus.

Getting together like this is good for all of us.

My Jesus tells us the same thing. He says, **“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another”** (Hebrews 10:24-25).

My Jesus says that when we get together we can encourage each other to love and good works.

I see that on Sunday morning when I watch you greet each other in the entryway, listen to God's Word, and pray for each other.

Even though I enjoy the attention you give me on Sunday, make sure that you encourage each other, because sometimes life is *ruff!*

That would be PAWSOME!

Your friend Gabriel



Gabriel (second from right) with his fellow Comfort Dogs and handlers at Uvalde, Texas

8th Annual
LCC K-9 Ministries National Conference
2019

God is our safe place

“God is our safe place and our strength. He is always our help when we are in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1 NLV

Gabriel is there someplace!

From the Pastor



We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

*We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.*

*Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.*

*Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.*

*If you love Him, why not serve
Him?*

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Soldiers of the cross.

African American Spiritual

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

This month I am starting a new sermon series called "Limping with Jesus: The Story of Jacob and Messy Discipleship."

Jacob, the grandson of Abraham and the son of Isaac, was an ambitious man from his birth. He was well-versed in the art of deception, with his older twin brother Esau, his greatest victim.

No one would ever say that "WWJD?" ever stood for "What would Jacob do?" Following his example would lead you into family strife and estrangement from loved ones.

Nevertheless, in his story we see our story, a story of messy discipleship with which we are very familiar.

This series is based on the book "Limping with God" by Lutheran scholar and author Chad Bird.

I would encourage you to purchase this book as a companion piece to this series. I will not be preaching on all of the chapters from the book, so reading it will give you a deeper dive into the life of the last Old Testament Patriarch and the father of the tribes of Israel.

You can order the book through Amazon for \$15.49 for the paperback or \$9.99 on Kindle.

I look forward to sharing this series with you as we grow stronger in our discipleship, no matter how messy it might get.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel

