

MAY 4 & 5, 2024

AWKWARD.

HOW GOD REDEEMS CRINGE-WORTHY MOMENTS
INTO SPIRITUAL MILESTONES



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CHURCH

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WELCOME! WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



If you're new to our church, we'd love to help you get connected.
STOP IN THE LOBBY FOR A WELCOME GIFT!

UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT ACC!

CONNECT WITH US!

- ◆ Prayer Requests
- ◆ Comments / Questions
- ◆ Request information
- ◆ Let us know you're here today
- ◆ Decision for Christ/Baptism/Membership
- ◆ **SCAN THIS QR CODE** →



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (5/5) Canned peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce (6 pk), bankers boxes. Bring to the church office on Sundays or during the week.

"UNITED IN PRAYER": Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45pm in the prayer chapel • E7 (South end E Bldg)

ACC MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Sunday, May 5 • 4-5:30p • G5 • Come learn about ACC! Sign up az.church/events

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM: Sat & Sun, May 18 & 19 • All services • Register online az.church/baptism
Baptism Class • Sun, May 5 • 12:45p • D9 • Questions? Contact Pastor Brandon bhilgemann@azcc.org

SINGLE WOMEN'S CONNECTION: Join us every Fri night for game night • 5:30p • G7 • Contact Suzan (480) 580-3711 or Janice (480) 239-0636. We also meet for lunch at 11:30am on the 2nd Sunday of the month at **La Madeleine**, 3605 W Chandler Blvd. Meets next on June 9. No lunch meeting in May.

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) MEETING: Last one for spring • Fri, May 10 • 9:15a • G5 • Watch for fall start-up date and name re-branding. MOPS will now be MomCo

LIKE PICKLEBALL? Every Sat, 9a in the gym, including beginners. Contact Suzan Money (480) 580-3711 or Janice De Groot (480) 239-0636. Also, Thurs, 6:30a in the gym. Contact Michael Rooder (480) 694-8048.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Pastor Brandon Hilgemann on receiving his MDiv degree May 3 from PHX Seminary.

DEMENTIA CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: Last Wed of month, **April 24** • 1:00p • G1 • To encourage and inform those who care for family/friends with dementia. Call Olive 480.747.2039

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO: Bernie Weber on the death of his wife, Marilyn, on April 29. Service Sat, May 11 at 10a. And to Tom Waldron on the death of his wife, Sandy, on April 30. Service Sat, June 22 at 10a.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR: Ken and Lory Ellerbrock will be Tues, May 7th • 10a • G2. Reception following.
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR: Paul White will be Saturday, June 1st • 10a • Worship Center

CARE/REHAB CENTERS: Georgene Simms (Sunrise), Larry Daniels (Hawthorne Court), Maxine Baty (Enclave), Elsie Mulligan (Anna's Haven), Marilyn Tarrant (Solterra-Chandler), Ellen Bradley (Avana Assisted Living), Judy & Calvin Hubbell (Ohana House), Gee Gee Alexander (Copper Creek), Dirk Vander Woude (Mosaic Gardens), Norris Gross (Morningstar Arcadia)

COPIES OF PASTOR DAVIDSON'S BOOK are available in the church office or the lobby • \$17 cash or check

ACC OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9a-4p • Fridays 9a-12p. Closed Fridays from June 14 – August 9

WAYS TO GIVE



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One-time or Repeat



CASH OR CHECK

Envelopes & offering boxes in lobby or front exits

SERVICES

WORSHIP

Sunday • 8:30a & 10:00a



WORSHIP

Saturday • 5:30p & Sunday • 11:30a

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - "Enter In"

Scripture Reading - "An Act of Praise"

Praising the Lord - "You Are Good", "Great God"
"Doxology", "As the Deer"

Greeting Time - Dr. Dave Thye

Special Music - "How Great Thou Art"

Hymns of Worship - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
"Be Thou My Vision", "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Celebration of Communion & Prayer

MESSAGE
AWKWARD #4
"Gehazi"

Dr. Greg Tonkinson, VCHS

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Worship - "Praise"

Greeting Time

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Celebration of Communion

"Great I Am"

"Crowns Down"

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THIS WEEKEND
AT ACC

MEMBERSHIP CLASS TODAY • 4p in G5
Come find out about church membership at ACC
Meet staff & board members • Learn about our history and beliefs
Also **BAPTISM CLASS TODAY** • 12:45p • D9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sun, May 5 **ACC Membership Class** • 4-5:30p • G5 (upstairs) • Register [az.church/events](https://www.az.church/events)
- Thurs, May 9 **Estate Planning Seminar for Wills & Trusts** • 6:00p • G Bldg • Sign up [az.church](https://www.az.church)
- Sun, May 18 & 19 **Believer's Baptism** • All services • Register at [az.church/baptism](https://www.az.church/baptism)
- Mon-Fri, June 3-7 **Kids' Camp (VBS)** • "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God" • Register [az.church](https://www.az.church)

ACC MEMBERSHIP CLASS

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Sunday, May 5 · 4pm · G-5

Sign Up online · az.church/events

BOTTLED WATER DRIVE MAY 1-31

LEAVE ON PATIO CARTS

ESTATE PLANNING EDUCATION & DOCUMENTS AT NO COST TO YOU.

Thursday, May 9
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Arizona Community Church, G Building

Financial Planning
Valley Christian Schools
Arizona Community Church

RSVP at AZ.church

SANCTITY OF LIFE



MEETS EVERY 3RD TUESDAY
6:30PM IN G5

BAPTISMS

May 18 and 19- all services

Register online at
az.church/baptism



ACC KIDS Camp (VBS)

6/3 - 6/7 Register at AZ.church

FOR THOSE NEARLY OR NEWLY RETIRED

ENCORE

MAY 24 @6PM IN G2
AZ.CHURCH/EVENTS

MOPS at ACC

Mothers of Preschoolers

Fridays Twice Monthly
9:15-11:15am

Childcare Provided

az.church/mops

Need Prayer? Send us your prayer requests by email at pray4me@azcc.org or AZ.CHURCH/PRAYER, a Connect Card or through our APP. Prayer wall also available in the lobby. **Library open Sundays** 8:30a-12:30 G Bldg Rm 8

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Dr. Greg Tonkinson
May 4 & 5, 2024 #4

“GEHAZI”

II Kings 5:20-27

²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, “Is all well?” ²²And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’” ²³And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.” ²⁶But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? ²⁷Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

I. Introduction

A. Most sermons in this series will come from the _____ genre.

B. Big Idea: Your _____ cannot keep a _____!

II. Three Main Characters

A. Elijah’s Assistant/Disciple

- li. Asked for double-portion of Elijah's spirit (2 Ki 2:9)
- lii. Performed similar miracles as Christ (multiplying food, raising the dead)

B. _____

- i. Introduced to us in 2 Kings 4
- li. Gehazi was to Elisha like Elisha was to Elijah

C. _____

- i. Captain of army of the Arameans
- li. Strong, confident, respected leader, valiant warrior
- lii. Had the disease of leprosy

III. Application:

- A. Your righteousness allows God to use you
- B. Your righteousness moves the world closer to the Lord
- C. Your righteousness allows for authentic awkward conversations about sin

IV. Conclusion

- A. Matthew 16:24-26 - "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'"



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