



**NORTHPOINT**  
CHURCH

### IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on Facebook and YouTube **at 9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

### PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org) — for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — [confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org) — for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service — prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

### LEADERSHIP AT NORTHPOINT

Email the Northpoint Leadership Team at [leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org](mailto:leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org), the Elders at [elders@northpointcorona.org](mailto:elders@northpointcorona.org), or individual Pastors at the following addresses:

#### ELDERS

Woody Armstrong, Steve Flood, Craig Hawkins, Perry Schaefer, & Vinoj Zachariah

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Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor - [tchute@northpointcorona.org](mailto:tchute@northpointcorona.org)

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# That You May Believe

[A STUDY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN]

## WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

## WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll again read from the Bible. We'll give to God's work with a money offering. (If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give.) We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, we'll sing a closing song.

## TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll continue our sermon series, *That You May Know*, through the Gospel of John. There, we'll answer the question: Why don't some people believe in the finished work of Jesus Christ?

## SERVICE ORDER



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▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

- Prelude** - *Wonderful Words of Life and Speak, O Lord* ————— Worship Team  
**Call to Worship** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*Psalms 150*
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Psalms 150 (Praise The Lord)*
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor  
**Ministry Window** ————— Perry Schaefer + Mark Newton  
Men's Conference Recap
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*How Firm a Foundation + Ancient Words + King of Kings*
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** ————— Tom Wiegman, NP Growth Groups  
*John 8:31-59*
- ▲ **Offering + Offering Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Oh, the Deep, Deep Love*
- Today's Message** ————— Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Students & Adults  
*Why Don't Some Believe? – John 8:31-59*  
From the series through the Gospel of John: **That You May Believe**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*Jude 24-25*
- Postlude** - *(Thy Word)* ————— Worship Team

## WHAT TO DO NOW?

We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Pizza with the Pastor** gatherings and **membership classes**. Visit [northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/](http://northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/) for more.

## THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT \*

- Today** ————— Preservice Prayer, 8:00 a.m., Worship Center Prayer Room  
In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook/YouTube  
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room Upstairs  
NP KIDS' Sunday School, Birth-6th Grade, 9:00 a.m. (*Dismissed from service during Announcements*)  
Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room  
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons  
Revolve (Young Adults), 6:00 p.m., Contact Erin Hanson at 951.515.5831 for Location
- Monday** ————— Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Commons  
Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m., *Off for the Summer*
- Tuesday** ————— Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 p.m., *Off for the Summer*  
Senior High Youth Group **Family Night**, 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** ————— Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 a.m., *Off for the Summer*  
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m., *Off for the Summer*
- Thursday** ————— Junior High Youth Group **Family Night**, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Friday** ————— Mission Conference Begins, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Heritage Hall - *See Program Insert*
- Saturday** ————— Mission Conference Continues, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Heritage Hall - *See Program Insert*

\* For the latest each week, contact [bbrown@northpointcorona.org](mailto:bbrown@northpointcorona.org) to receive the NP All-Church email, **NP News**.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT \*



If you're a mom raising young children, **Moms Connecting** is for you! On Friday, **June 2**, at 10:00 a.m., we'll gather at NP for breakfast and to welcome speakers Janet Hawkins and Ramona Ivascu. Child care is provided. Please sign up by emailing [momsconnecting@northpointcorona.org](mailto:momsconnecting@northpointcorona.org).



If your student is graduating from high school or college, we want to include them in a **special congratulatory announcement in June**. Please be sure to email Michele Balga at [mbalga@northpointcorona.org](mailto:mbalga@northpointcorona.org) with your graduate's name and the degree earned.



**Lost Treasure VBS 2023** is coming to Northpoint Church! Over the week of **July 10-14**, we're going to camp in the Bible's book of Luke to study three stories about people who lost something valuable—and then found it—to learn how God finds us when we're lost! And, we're planning on having a blast doing it. So, invite your K-6th grade brothers and sisters, friends, and neighbors to join us! **Scan our QR Code to register or for more information:**



If you'd like to help us pull off this year's VBS and at the same time make an eternal investment in the kids who attend, then stop by the Playground between services on Sundays, look for Miss Terri and Miss Dani, and they'll help find a place where you'll fit. We need small group leaders, craft makers to help on Wednesday mornings from now until VBS, and craft helpers during VBS. You'll be blessed as you bless others!

\* For all that's going on at NP, please visit [northpointcorona.org/this-week/](http://northpointcorona.org/this-week/).

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## SERMON NOTES



MAY 28, 2023

### **Why Don't Some Believe?**

John 8:31-59

Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Students & Adults

**Overview:** Why don't some people believe in the finished work of Jesus Christ? This question and more are taken up in our passage this morning. Jesus had previously been teaching on the Mount of Olives but then worked His way across the valley up to the Temple Mount. He was in the treasury during the Feast of Tabernacles, teaching that he was the light of the world when some listeners believed. On one side of Jesus stood a large group of people who were told believed in him. It immediately becomes apparent that they had said they believed, but their faith was not genuine. Jesus goes on to tell them that the real reason why faith is so difficult for them is because of their spiritual inability.

**Main Point:** The primary reason why people don't believe in Jesus Christ is because of their spiritual problem.

#### **Outline:**

*Self-Justification (John 8:31, 37, 43, 55, 59)*

*Slavery to Sin (John 8:32-37)*

*Allegiance to Satan (John 8:38-47)*

*Anything but Christ (John 8:48-59)*

# That You May Believe

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. Have you ever had an experience with someone who you have shared the gospel with many times, but still doesn't believe in Jesus? Maybe you've heard of various reasons why some say they don't believe; What are those?
  - a. Some of the most common reasons include: Too busy, church hurt, intellectual or theological contradictions, politics, and irrelevance.
2. Why is it important to recognize that some of the reasons listed above may be secondary reasons for not believing, but not the primary reason?
3. Augustine wrote in his work, *The Confessions*, that the main reason why he did not believe was because, "I withdrew further and further from you, loving my own ways and not yours, relishing the freedom of a runaway slave." What does Augustine reveal about his own heart and the nature of unbelief?
4. The sermon gave 4 reasons for why the ultimate problem is a spiritual problem. What are they? Out of the 4 reasons, which one stood out to you the most?
5. Jesus said in John 8:31, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." What is the connection between abiding (receiving God's Word) and proving to be genuine disciples of Jesus? What are the effects of receiving Jesus' words?
6. Even for those of us who believe, we might be tempted to think that we no longer struggle with any of the reasons for unbelief. We as Christians still need to strengthen our faith by fighting these spiritual problems in our hearts. Which one do you currently struggle with in your own Christian life? (Self-Justification, Slavery to Sin, Allegiance to Satan, and Anything but Christ)
7. Lastly, spend some time in prayer for those who currently don't believe, especially those you know personally. Pray also that your own faith would be strengthened and that you would fight the temptations we've discussed.

**For Further Reading:** Keller, Tim. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* (NY: Penguin Books, 2009)

# That You May Believe



In John 4:35, as Jesus watched white-clad Samaritans making their way through a field to see Him, He encouraged His disciples to “lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” At our **2023 Northpoint Missions Conference - Lift Up Your Eyes to the Harvest**, we too will be encouraged to lift up our eyes and focus on the field of souls God has prepared. We’ll also learn about what the Lord of the harvest is doing around the world and the biblical foundation of why we do what we do (the why of missions).

Our Missions Conference will happen **THIS** coming weekend, Friday, **June 2**, through Sunday, **June 4**, and is certain to be a wonderful time of songs, stories, sharing updates, and fellowship over meals!

Childcare will be provided on Friday and Saturday evenings for birth-three years old, as will a Children’s Missions Program for kids four years old-sixth grade. (Sunday morning childcare will be provided through our normal NP KIDS program.) Please register by visiting the Northpoint Mission’s page at [northpointcorona.org](http://northpointcorona.org), or by scanning our QR Code:



**See reverse side for the Conference schedule** ►

## Conference Schedule

**Friday, June 2 + 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

*Celebration of local and global partnerships*

*Guest Speakers: Dan Holman, Paradise Crisis Response site leader; Craig Hawkins, NP Elder of Missions; + Rick Eisemann, Global Church Ministries*

Northpoint’s Mission Conference opens as we celebrate and thank our local partners and our local mission partnership effort with ReachGlobal Crisis Response ministry in Paradise, CA.

*Heritage Hall. Dinner will be served. Kids welcome! Childcare for nursery to sixth-grade with reservation. \**

**Saturday, June 3 + 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

*The biblical foundation of Why we do what we do (The “whys” of missions).*

*Guest Speakers: Dr. Kevin Kompelien, President of EFCA; Karen Roper, the City of Corona’s Homeless Solutions Manager; + Steve Smeltzer, EFCA’s Crisis Repose Ministry leader*

Come and listen to **Dr. Kevin Kompelien**, who has a passion for mission and is committed to multiplying transformational churches among all people and raising up an entire generation of disciple-makers. We will also have an opportunity to hear an exciting update **Karen Roper** about the City of Corona’s Homeless Solutions. And **Steve Smeltzer** will be on hand to provide an update to our recent global mission partnership to train pastors and church leaders in Ukraine.

*Heritage Hall. Dinner will be served. Kids welcome! Childcare for nursery to sixth-grade with reservation. \**

**Sunday, June 4 + 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services**

*Speaker: Dr. Kevin Kompelien, President of EFCA*

*\*Childcare: Reserve spots by emailing Analiese Alfonsi at [aalfonsi@northpointcorona.org](mailto:aalfonsi@northpointcorona.org) or calling her at 951.454.4357. Please provide your children’s names and ages so we can plan ahead for them.*

**PSALM 150 (Praise the Lord)***Verse 1*

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening skies with wonders  
The earth it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Chorus*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, All creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

*Verse 2*

You reached into the dust  
In love Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works  
To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

*Chorus*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, All creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

*Verse 3*

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Chorus 2*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, all creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
You distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore  
Sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

**HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

*Verse 1*

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

*Verse 2*

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

*Verse 6*

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no, never no never forsake

**YOUR WORD**

*Verse 1*

Before the earth knew its foundation  
You spoke the dust into creation  
Until the end when all has withered  
Then still Your Word will endure forever

*Pre-Chorus*

The lamp unto my feet  
The light unto my path oh

*Chorus*

Your Word will not be shaken  
Your Word will never fail me  
Like a fire in my bones  
Like a whisper to my soul  
Your Word is revelation

*Verse 2*

Deep calls to deep within Your presence  
When I hear You speak my soul awakens  
Your Spirit leads my heart to worship  
As Your Word reveals the light of Jesus

*Pre-Chorus*

The lamp unto my feet  
The light unto my path oh

*Chorus*

Your Word will not be shaken  
Your Word will never fail me  
Like a fire in my bones  
Like a whisper to my soul  
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**ANCIENT WORDS**

*Verse 1*

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

*Verse 2*

Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

*Chorus*

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

*Verse 3*

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ

*Chorus*

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

*Verse 4*

Martyr's blood stains each page  
They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years  
Heed these words and hold them dear

*Chorus*

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

*Ending*

We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart  
O let the ancient words impart

**HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

*Verse 1*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

*Chorus*

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

*Verse 2*

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

*Chorus*

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

*Verse 3*

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

*Chorus*

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast