

## “Mending Broken Relationships”

Genesis 32:1-33:17

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### Making Peace

#### Reaching Out, vv. 32:3-21

Jacob reaches out to Esau with the desire to make peace, vv. 3-5.

Jacob sends ahead tangible expressions of his desires for peace and to bless, vv. 13-21.

#### Reaching Up, vv. 32:9-12

Jacob seeks God’s protection and help, v. 11.

Jacob trusts in God’s promises, v. 12.

Jacob goes forward with the partnership of God, vv. 28-30.

#### Reaching For, vv. 33:1-17.

Jacob, by faith, kept moving towards Esau with humbleness and giving honor, vv. 1-3.

For whatever reasons Esau brought a mighty force of 400 with him; by the time he saw Jacob, he wanted only peace and reconciliation, v. 33:4.

Jacob expresses his desires to find favor and to give blessing, vv. 8-11.

Jacob acknowledges God’s hand in Esau’s changed heart.

Jacob and Esau worked to avoid the interactions that might bring conflict, and engaged in what would bring peace, vv. 33:15-17, 35:27-29, 36:6-8.

# Welcome

 | to Rolling Hills  
Covenant Church

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Thank you for turning off your pagers and cell phones during services.

Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

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### SERVICE TIMES:

Worship Center: Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Contemporary Worship Music  
Sunday, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m., Blended Music  
Sunday, Canvas, 11:15 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music  
The 290s (Ed. Bldg.): Sunday, Canvas, 9:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music  
Sunday, 11:15 a.m., The Gathering with Byron MacDonald, Urban Gospel Music  
Community Ctr.: Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Life on The Hill, Contemporary Music

**Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church**—a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

Our mission is to know Jesus intimately and to share His love and truth passionately. We **discover** God by studying His word, both personally and with others. We endeavor to **love** others, with Christ as our example. And we commit our time, talents, and treasure to **serve** God, to reflect His glory, and to share the salvation of Christ throughout the world.



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***We are so happy you have joined us for worship today!***



**Starting Point** is a 4-week orientation to RHCC and our purpose for ministry. Gain insight into God, the Bible, and our beliefs. The seminar meets in the library on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every other month. Our next series meets July 1 through 22. For more information, visit the Welcome Center.

**Are you struggling?** The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

**Here are some highlights of what's coming up at RHCC. For more information about all of our ministries, pick up the latest issue of *Connections* magazine.**

#### **Pictorial Directories Are Here!**

Our long-awaited pictorial directories have arrived! If you had your photo taken as part of the directory, you may pick up your free copy in the ticket window following services. Beginning in July, additional copies will be available for \$10.

#### **Family Worship Service**

Next weekend, June 23/24, we're inviting our elementary age children to join us as we worship together as a church family. There will be no services in the 290s that weekend. Infants through Kindergarten will be in their regular classrooms.

#### **All Church Picnic**

Join us at Highridge Park Sunday, June 24, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for games, food and fun! We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers, you bring side dishes, chips or desserts to share, along with drinks for your family. Also be sure to bring a blanket or chairs. Sign up in the lobby following services.

#### **Looking for the Small Group Homework?**

Throughout the summer, you can find it online at [RollingHillsCovenant.com/small-groups](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/small-groups).

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

Come to a special CR Friday, June 22 at 6:45 p.m. in the North Campus Chapel when Matthew Kennedy will share his testimony. You are also invited to come at 6 p.m. for pizza and salad (\$4). Childcare available by reservation.

#### **Covenant Denomination Annual Meeting**

You are invited to attend the worship services at the Annual Meeting June 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine. Details at [covchurch.org/am](http://covchurch.org/am).

#### **Prayer Ministry**

**Homegoings:** Pray for Jeannette, Tom and Alexia Jones on the homegoing of Jeannette's mother, Judy Lalla; and for Derek Robello on the homegoing of his mother, Charlene.

**Prayer Chain:** Peggy Snell at 310.539.0391 or Annette Johnson at 310.530.3292.

#### **Giving Report (as of 6/10)**

Giving goal (6/1/12-5/31/13):	\$6,700,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$224,762
Received YTD:	\$241,889
Over/Under YTD:	\$17,127
Needed last week:	\$112,381
Received last week:	\$130,368

#### **Children's Campaign**

Funds Received to Date:	\$654,531
<i>Funds Still Needed:</i>	<i>\$1,345,469</i>
Two-Year Pledges:	\$803,537
<i>Two-Year Pledges Still Needed:</i>	<i>\$1,196,463</i>

**T**he Bible says in the Book of Wisdom, Ecclesiastes 3:1, "*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*" Certainly, the seasons in our world are changing. God has prophesied in His Word, that He is going to shake everything, and we are seeing it. We see the intensifying of disastrous events in the natural world, the economies of nations being shaken and threatened. The Mideast is particularly shaken by troubles within nations, and troubles among nations. As Christians, our hope and confidence is in Jesus' care and peace, and yet we are impacted by living in a world that is being shaken.

There was a startling statistic given on the economy this week. It was announced that the average American family has lost 40% of its wealth in the last three years. That is an incredible number. Most of it has been lost in real estate values, but we all know how these economic realities have unraveled finances in each of our lives. God is faithful and we trust Him incredibly, but we have to learn how to handle this season in our lives.

As we consider all of the financial background to the last three years, we are even more impressed by the faithfulness of so many of you in your financial giving. Our giving has remained strong and God is moving so powerfully in our midst through the ministries, and around the world. We keep trying to match our ministry and mission goals to the financial resources we have. I think we have proven to be good stewards of the resources and our financial team and elders do excellent oversight of ministry.

The last three months, though, have caught us a little by surprise. We ended the year with a slight deficit, and while we have resources to begin the new fiscal year (started June 1),

we are trying to be wise in prayerfully considering how we should plan this year, and the near future. Pray for us, as we seek God's wisdom. While we seek to manage expenses, things like health benefits have soared in costs this last year. We know the world is changing; we just have to find out how best to plan and minister in a changing world.

For many of you we know you are doing your best in managing your finances and maintaining the priority of the Lord's work as the first and highest priority in your giving. Just stay faithful and join us in praying for God's provision for our ministry and mission goals that He has set before us. Never have there been more or greater opportunities for ministry and mission, both locally and globally. We know we are being wise and strategic, and now God has given us an open door for the Gospel that we must pursue.

If you have never gotten to the point of putting the Lord and His work through the church first and most important in your finances, this would be a great time to start. God loves those who give sacrificially and He has a way of multiplying back to us blessings as we do. Money is a real and tangible way we can bring expression to the love and worship of the Lord. Jesus also promises, that as you are faithful in giving, He is more than able to supply. Jesus says in Luke 6:38, "*give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*" Money is one of those areas where God says you go first, and my blessings will follow. Maybe these financially shaking times will be a great opportunity for you to learn the joy of giving. Keep praying and giving as you can. God will make a way for us as a church and for you as well.