

TELL YOUR STORY

REAL LIFE.
PEOPLE.

TELL YOUR STORY — PART 4: PAIN

Aug 9, 2015 • Pastor Gregg Matte • 2 Corinthians 1:3–10

- ▶ **What is the _____ of God?** *Psalm 86:15; Lamentations 3:32; Luke 7:13*
 - *“Not that I am in much danger of ceasing to believe in God. The real danger is of coming to believe such dreadful things about Him. The conclusion I dread is not “So there’s no God after all,” but “So this is what God’s really like. Deceive yourself no longer.”*
C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*
 - God is the Father of compassion (guts) and _____ (Two Latin words: “with strength”).

- ▶ _____ **comforts others.** *2 Corinthians 1:4–7*
 - Our misery becomes our _____.

- ▶ **The pain of life is _____ we can handle.**
Habakkuk 3:17–18; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 1:8–10
 - *“Feelings, and feelings, and feelings. Let me try thinking instead. From the rational point of view, what new factor has (my wife’s) death introduced into the problem of the universe? What grounds has it given me for doubting all that I believe? I knew already that these things, and worse, happened daily. I would have said that I had taken them into account. I had been warned—I had warned myself—not to reckon on worldly happiness. We were even promised sufferings. They were part of the programme. We were even told, “Blessed are they that mourn,” and I accepted it. I’ve got nothing that I hadn’t bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not in imagination.”*
C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

WHAT’S YOUR STORY?

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

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Week ending Aug 2, 2015

First-time givers 37

Total number of givers 1,406

Great Commission Giving total \$589,266

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DECISIONS AUG 2, 2015

Baptized

Jenna Berglund Estefan Steere
Mac Berglund Divine Tezzo
Elizabeth Salinas

For Baptism

Michelle Fernandez Phillip Montijo
Rene Fernandez Sophie Stradinger
Stephanie Maya

From Other Fellowships

Irma Chavez Madi Ham
Virgilio Chavez Zackarih Hartford
Lois Clark Sebastian Paige
Josh Eddie Shana Pujol
Jesse Galvan Wendy Warren

Statement

Jack Stradinger Joel Zaldivar

SYMPATHIES

- Maggie Torres (Staff) in the loss of her mother, Concha Pina.
- Matt Weihe in the loss of his mother, Debbie Weihe.
- Marcy Moore in the loss of her grandfather, Leslie Nash.
- Trent Tankersley in the loss of his uncle, Wayne Walker.
- Keith & Cindy Kelley in the loss of her mother. Andrew Kelley, grandson and Maggie Kelley, granddaughter.
- Ben Hernandez in the loss of his aunt, Naomi.

ATTENDANCE AUG 2, 2015

Life Bible Study (all campuses)	4,678
Mission Bible Study	178
Total Bible Study	4,856

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