





Thursday, February 8, from 7-8:30 @ Hughes

**CELEBRATING THE  
OUTPOURING**

**GIVING THANKS FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE**





# WHEN A CHURCH PRAYS





A scenic view of a river flowing over rocks in a forested valley. The river is in the foreground, with white water rapids. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside, with a misty or hazy atmosphere. The overall tone is natural and serene.

TRUE SECURITY

To pursue God in prayer is to live a life of faith, and a in **life of faith**, you will come up against your **deepest fears**.

You can walk by faith or fear,  
but not both.

Fear affects **everyone** in  
different ways.



“The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, **but the worries of this life**...choke the word, **making it unfruitful.**”

Mark 4:19

“Do not be afraid.”

What are you some of your  
root fears?



“Father, I am scared where this life of prayer might take me: less control, more mystery and holding loosely to outcomes. I am in unfamiliar territory of the soul. I am scared, but don't let me turn back.”

HOPE?





“Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him....Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me Satan!’”

Luke 16: 23



While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is **my Son**, whom **I love**; with him I am **well pleased. Listen to him!**”

Luke 17: 5



True security is found in who I am as a child of God and obedience to the teachings of Jesus.

“He (Jesus) took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As He was praying...”

Luke 9:1

(He [Peter] did not know what to say,  
they were so frightened.)

Mark 9:6



Take note of the times when you're in an unfamiliar place, not knowing what to say or do, filled with fear. God might be revealing to you a whole new depth of himself.

“A *sukka* was a place of worship. To Peter this seemed appropriate and necessary. It was what he had always done.”

Valerie Riese

Everything went wrong with creation when we doubted the goodness of God and stopped listening to his voice.

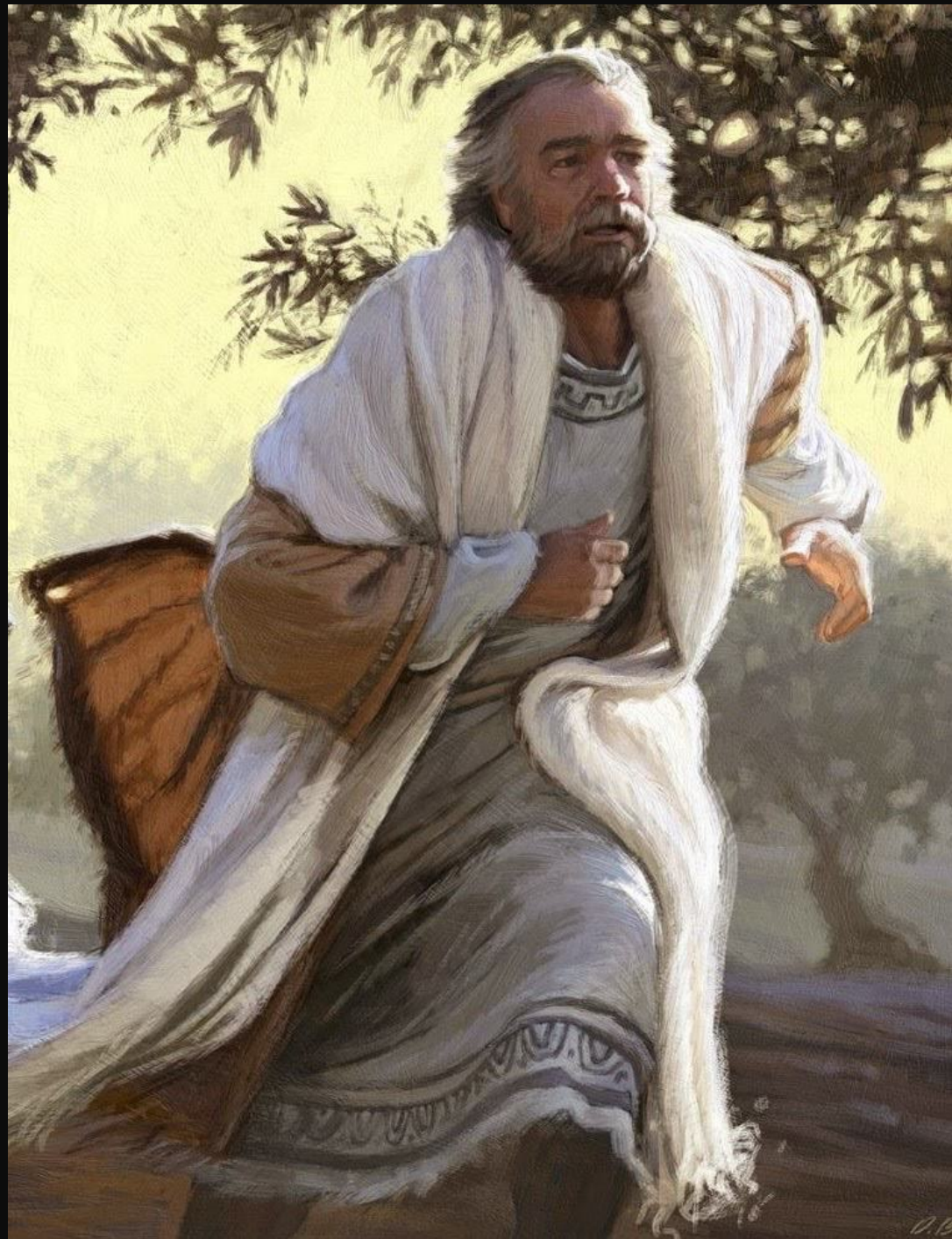
Obedience to the words of Jesus  
transforms our lives to look like  
Jesus.



The resurrection of Jesus began the restoration of all things; our daily trust in Jesus is our participation in that.

True security is found in who I am as a child of God and obedience to the teachings of Jesus.

Jesus lived deeply secure in the Father's love for him, and he (Jesus) daily invites us into that security.





“Listen to him!”

“My sheep hear **my voice** and they follow me.”

John 10

*“you are with me...”*

Are the Father's love  
and the words of Jesus  
your true security?



Receive

Return