

*Lament &
Gratitude
Part Two*

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Orchard Valley Christian Church



Thanksgiving
2020



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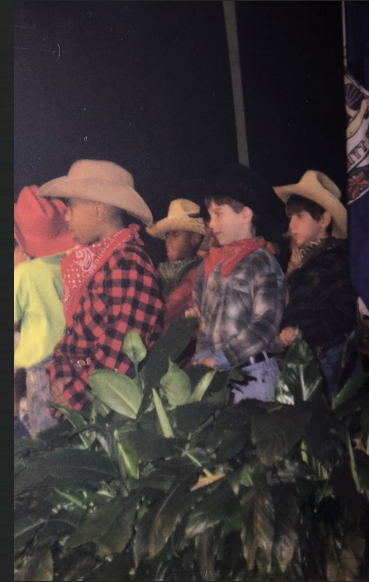
Black in America



Gratitude



Isolation



Insecurity



Inconvenience



Insignificance



*Thanks
Chris!*





Isaiah

One

10-31

ISAIAH 1: 10-11

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord ; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of well-fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats

ISAIAH 1: 14-15

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

ISAIAH 1: 16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil

Learn to do good; seek justice,

Correct oppression;

Bring justice to the fatherless,

Plead the widow's cause.

Population and Incarceration, 2019

Latino

12.5%

population

Black

12.3%

population

Latino

25%

incarceration

Black

34%

incarceration

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Children with one parent
and no other adult in the home

7% worldwide

December, 2019

23% in America

www.pewresearch.org

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Parenthood in America

1968-2017

400% increase in
unmarried parents

24 million

American children
live with one parent

Married Mothers

61%

white
women

21%

latino
women

7%

black
women



“As a black woman, I have been angry—*really angry*— lately. Then sad. Then worried and back to sad again. I didn’t have a choice not to talk to my children about racism in America because not informing them could mean death to any of us. That’s a pretty jacked up way to live—in a constant state of fear and trauma. Then we are criticized for being traumatized. And as if the constant state of fear, panic, and trauma wasn’t enough, when we try to voice our feelings we are met with hateful comments like, “oh, typical angry black woman syndrome.” It’s a lot to deal with and still keep your head up while raising children who are kind and confident. And what’s wrong with us as black women expressing our emotions? At the end of the day, I am tired of being wrong for being born black.”

- *Tameka Anderson, Roswell, GA*

ISAIAH 1: 18-20

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as
white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they
shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good
of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be
eaten by the sword;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

ISAIAH 1: 21-28

21. How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her ...

23. Your princes are rebels ... everyone loves a bribe ...

24. ... I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes ...

26. I will restore ... you shall call the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27. Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

28. But rebels and sinners shall be broken together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

In summary, Isaiah 1:10-31



*Religious
Behavior*

Worship without
serving is empty

*Personal
Devotion*

Willingness to be
the answer to
your prayers

*Social
Conduct*

Action must
accompany
profession

*Buy into God's
redemption*

Recognize and
repent from
failure to act

Breakout Rooms

Followed by communion

