

MESSAGE.

God's warnings and conviction are not our enemy—sin is. God lovingly warns us because He desires to protect us, not punish us. Spiritual experiences never replace spiritual faithfulness. True faithfulness is a daily dependence on Christ rather than relying on past experiences, knowledge, or religious activity. God's grace does not remove temptation, but it empowers us to endure it. When temptation comes, God provides a way of escape. He provides the strength, wisdom, accountability, and grace needed to walk in obedience. Ultimately, our hope is found in Jesus. The greatest way of escape was provided through the cross. Jesus endured temptation without sin and endured the cross for our salvation. Because He remained faithful, we can faithfully endure through His strength.

BCC Big Idea: *God's warnings are evidence of His grace, leading us away from destruction and toward faithful endurance in Christ.*

ENGAGE.

Warnings Are God's Grace. Read: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

- Why do you think people often resist God's warnings and conviction rather than seeing them as His love and grace?
- What "warning signs" might God be using in your life right now through His Word, His Spirit, or other believers?
- How would your response to conviction change if you viewed it as protection from sin rather than punishment?

Spiritual Experiences Never Replace Spiritual Faithfulness. Read: 1 Corinthians 10:6-12

- In what ways can Christians become more dependent on spiritual experiences, knowledge, or religious activity than on Christ Himself?
- What does daily dependence on Jesus look like in your current season of life?
- Are there areas where you may be overconfident spiritually and need to guard against complacency?

God's Grace Empowers Faithful Endurance. Read: 1 Corinthians 10:13 & Hebrews 4:15

- What temptation or struggle are you currently trying to handle in your own strength?
- What practical "way of escape" has God provided that you may be overlooking?
- How does knowing that Jesus endured temptation and the cross for you encourage you to keep enduring faithfully today?

PRAYER.

Jesus, thank You for enduring the cross and making a way for our salvation. Strengthen us to endure faithfully, knowing that our hope and victory are found in You alone. Amen.

For these cities. For all people.