NORTHPOINT
CHURCH

IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on YouTube at **9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — prayer@northpointcorona.org – for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org – for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service – prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

CONNECT WITH US

- **Contact Our Leadership Team:** Do you need to contact one of our elders, pastors, directors, or support staff, or do you want to find out more about them? You can accomplish both by visiting **northpointcorona.org/about/leadership-2**, or by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:
- **Find Out What's Happening at NP:** Just about every Thursday, we send out ***NP News***, our all-church newsletter email. In it, there's typically a short note from Pastor Tony, a calendar of upcoming events, a preview of our next Sunday service order, and all you need to know about what's happening at Northpoint. Subscribe to ***NP News*** by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:
- **Connect with Us on Social Media** through **Instagram** at **@northpointchurch_corona**.

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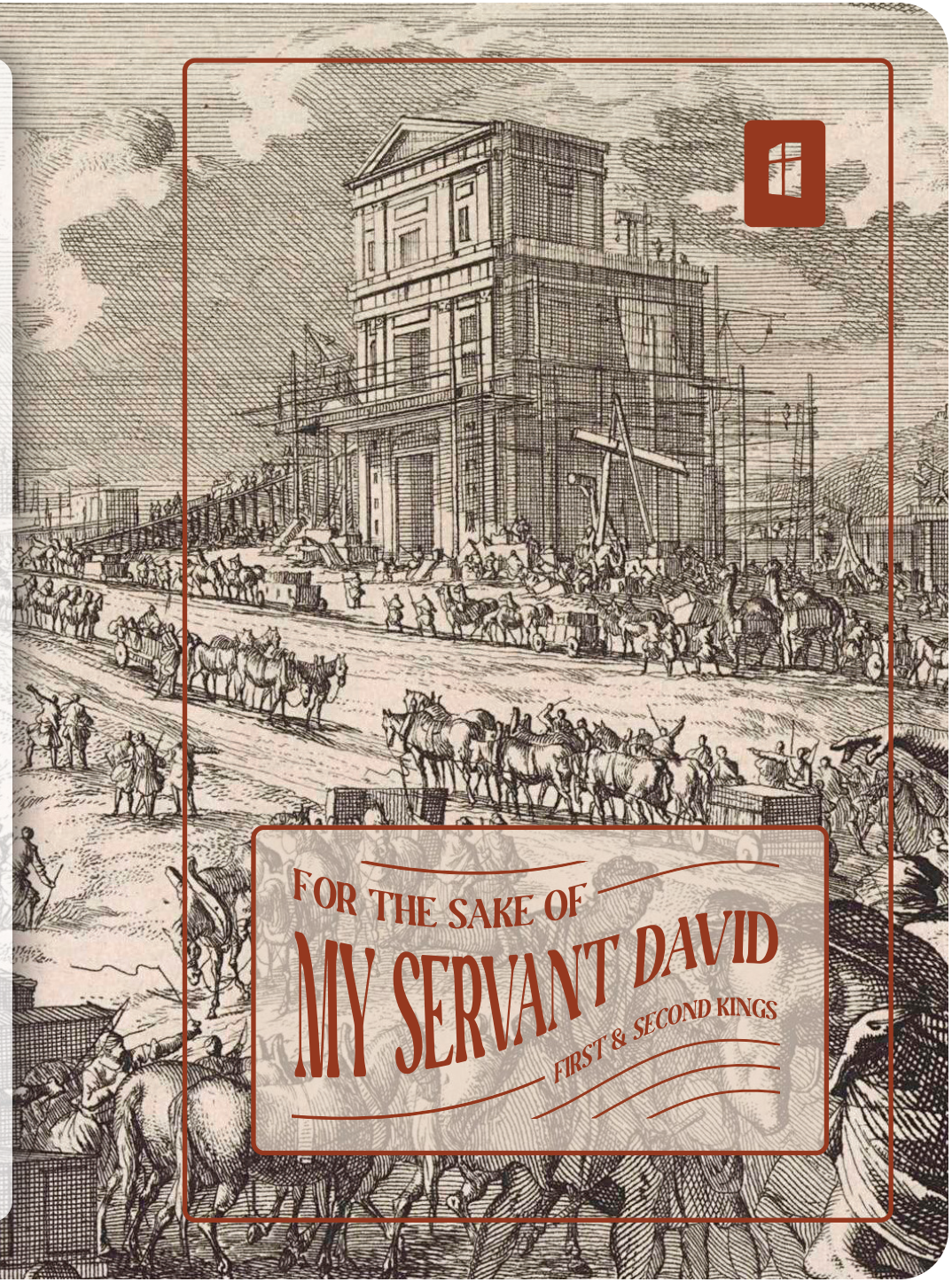

FOR THE SAKE OF MY SERVANT DAVID

FIRST & SECOND KINGS

WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll again read from the Bible. We'll give to God's work with a money offering. (If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give.) We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, we'll sing a closing song.

TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll continue our sermon series through the Old Testament Books of 1 and 2 Kings, *For the Sake of My Servant David*, with the message, *Unbearable News*. There, all who don't know God will be encouraged to turn to Him before the day of judgment.

SERVICE ORDER — MAY 5, 2025

▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

Call to Worship — Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader
Psalm 113:1-4

▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Blessed Be Your Name + Sweetly Broken

Welcome + Announcements — Carolee Jefferson, Ministry Associate

Ministry Window — Mark Newton, Men's Ministry
Boys Night Out!

▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Come, Praise and Glorify + How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Scripture Reading + Prayer — Mark Blincoe, NP Growth Groups
Luke 13:1-5

Offertory — Worship Team
Overcome

Today's Message — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
Unbearable News, 1 Kings 14:1-20
From the sermon series through 1 and 2 Kings: FOR THE SAKE OF MY SERVANT DAVID

▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
Lord, I Need You

Benediction — Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader
Philippians 4:7

WHAT TO DO NOW?

We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Get to Know You Lunches** and **membership classes**. Visit **northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/** for more.

THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT *

Today
- In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on YouTube
- Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- NP K!DS' 1st Service Program, Birth-6th Grade, (Dismissed from service during Announcements)
- Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room
- Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons
- NP K!DS' 2nd Service Program, Birth-6th Grade, (Dismissed from 2nd service during Announcements)
- Parent–Child Dedication Meetings, 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - *See Below*

Monday
- Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Commons
- Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall

Tuesday
- Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 p.m., Heritage Hall
- JH & SH Youth Group, 6:45 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs

Wednesday
- Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m., Heritage Hall
- Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall
- Children of the Word (C.O.W.), 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Campus Wide
- Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Study, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Heritage Hall

Saturday
- Love Life Prayer Walk, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Low Park, Riverside - *See Below*

** For the latest each week, contact bbrown@northpointcorona.org to receive the NP all-church email, **NP News**.*

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *

Thinking about participating in our next **Parent–Child Dedication**? There will be a short interest meetings **TODAY** in the Tower Room, at 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The dedications will be **NEXT** Sunday, **May 12**. If you can't make the meetings, you can still participate in the dedications by contacting **Michele Balga** in the Church Office at 951.734.1335.

Love Life partners with thousands of believers from local churches and community leaders to prayer walk and worship outside the darkest places in our cities—the local abortion center. Join them **THIS** Saturday, **May 10**, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Low Park in Riverside (6927 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, 92506). Visit the Information Center for more.

The **2025 Northpoint Missions Conference** begins Friday, **May 16**, and runs through Sunday, **May 18**. This is an exciting time for our church as we seek to learn about all that God is doing in mission fields around the world and how we can continue to participate. Pick up a flyer in the Foyer. Scan our QR code to register now!

Men! Our next **Northpoint Boys Night Out** is Wednesday, **May 28**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Comedian, **Nazareth**, will share his journey from an unholy man in the holy land to America's premier comic evangelist. And, we'll enjoy a pulled pork dinner! Pick up a flyer in the Foyer or register by scanning our QR code:

** For more ways to connect with the Northpoint family, see the back of this program.*

LOVING GOD ▪ LOVING ONE ANOTHER ▪ REACHING HIS WORLD

SERMON NOTES

MAY 4, 2025

Unbearable News
1 Kings 14:1-20
Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: Jeroboam's reign over Israel is characterized by the establishment of a false religion in order to promote his own self-preservation, yet it leads to his demise and the nation's destruction. When his son Abijah becomes ill, Jeroboam instructs his wife to approach Ahijah the prophet in order to determine the child's fate. The prophet receives a word from the Lord and faithfully delivers the unbearable news. It is a message of judgment from the Lord due to Jeroboam's unrepentant lifestyle, which has resulted in leading Israel astray. Consequently, Jeroboam has forfeited his dynasty, and Israel will be exiled from the Promised Land. As it turns out, the predicted death of the child is the only indication of mercy from the Lord, since this child will not experience the destruction that is yet to come. Such unbearable news is a reminder for us today of the awful consequences of a life lived apart from God, yet it can be an encouragement for all who hear to turn to the Lord before the day of judgment.

01. Pastors have a duty to proclaim both good news and unbearable news without fear or favor based on the Word of God.

02. People who seldom seek the Lord or have turned away from the Lord should brace themselves for unbearable news.

03. The unbearable news is that God's judgment is exceedingly awful; it is most deserved; it is certain in its application; it is timed to the second; and it is eternal.

04. The good news is that the unbearable news is entirely avoidable for those who turn to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who bore the unbearable judgment for us.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. How does the life of Jeroboam compare with the life of Solomon, from the beginning to the end of his reign? Do you agree that the actions of Jeroboam merited God's judgment? Do you agree that our sinful actions also merit God's judgment?

2. Why does Jeroboam tell his wife to approach the prophet Ahijah in disguise? What does it say about us when we feel we cannot approach God or others as we really are? Since God already knows all there is to know about us, what good is it to pretend otherwise when we go to church or when we pray?

3. How does Ahijah demonstrate that he is a true prophet of the Lord? Why do you think pastors are tempted to soften God's Word by avoiding messages about God's judgment? Pray that leaders and teachers at Northpoint will be faithful in sharing from God's Word without fear or favor.

4. In what ways does the temporal judgment in this text (loss of life, land, and dynasty) resemble the eternal judgment? Is there any hope for those who have died in their sins apart from Christ? Pray that people who are not currently open to the gospel will have open hearts to receive Christ as their Savior.

5. What is meant by "in him there is found something pleasing to the Lord" in verse 13? How does this small glimmer of hope point us to that which God has found pleasing in Christ?

For Further Reading: Chris Morgan and Robert Peterson, eds. *Is Hell for Real or Does Everyone Go to Heaven?* (Zondervan, 2011)

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