



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](https://www.instagram.com/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, among other things, we'll read 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 symbolically celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with Communion. We'll be asked to 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, to end the service, 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, *What Are You Doing Here, Elijah?* There, we'll see that God meets us in our lowest points to renew our hope in Him.

SERVICE ORDER



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

- Call to Worship** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalms 103:8-14
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name + Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
- Welcome + Announcements** — Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor
Update: Summer Mission Trips
- Missions Window** — Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
And Can It Be + How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- Communion** — Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Students + Adults
Instrumental Meditation: *At the Cross + There Is a Fountain + The Wonderful Cross*
- Today's Message** — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
Perhaps He Will Spare Your Life - 1 Kings 20
From the sermon series through 1 and 2 Kings: **FOR THE SAKE OF MY SERVANT DAVID**
- Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
His Mercy Is More
- ▲ **Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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., Upstairs, Youth Room
NP KIDS' 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
Living the Truth, "How We Got the Bible & Why" (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall
- Monday** — Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Commons
- Tuesday** — JH & SH Youth Group, 6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** — Men's Summer Book Study Concludes, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall
- Saturday** — Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m., Heritage Hall - See Below

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



Attention all men! Join us for a **Men's Breakfast** happening **NEXT Saturday, August 16**, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in Heritage Hall. The morning should be a great time of food, fellowship, and a message from our own Pastor Tony.



Pieces of Love is a quilting group that will meet on Friday, **August 22**, and again on Saturday, **August 23**, in the Commons, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come share the love and comfort of Christ with the world by making and then giving away quilts. They'll be happy to teach quilting skills!



Do you want to **listen to the songs Northpoint sings** at your leisure? If so, here's your chance. You can stream the songs we sing on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** by scanning one of the QR Codes at the left with your smart device. Try it!

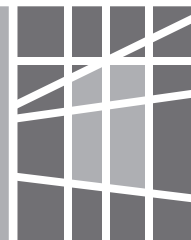


We're designing a new Northpoint website, and we need your photos! When you're hanging with your growth group, chatting with friends between services, at WOW, at a men's breakfast, or wherever, take a few shots on your cellphone and text them to **1.951.208.7236**. You can also email them to photos@northpointcorona.org if you prefer. Try it!

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

OUR MISSION AT NP:

- LOVING GOD
- LOVING ONE ANOTHER
- REACHING HIS WORLD



SERMON NOTES



AUG 10, 2025

What Are You Doing Here, Elijah?

1 Kings 20

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, gathers an army and closes in on Syria. He sends messengers to Ahab demanding financial and familial recompense, to which Ahab initially agrees. When Ben-hadad sends messengers to demand more, Ahab consults with the elders, who convince him to take a stand. Ben-hadad, in a drunken stupor, instructs his soldiers to prepare for battle while a prophet informs Ahab that he is to attack first and that his army will emerge victorious. The Syrians attack Israel again the following year under the impression that the Lord is unable to bring victory to Israel in a battle on the plains. This miscalculation results in a significant defeat for the Syrians, though Ben-hadad himself survives. He seeks and is granted a pardon from Ahab, resulting in the Lord sending another prophet to pronounce judgment on Ahab for setting aside the clear commandment of the Lord. This seemingly honorable act of offering a pardon to a defeated foe is a reminder to us of the genuine terms of pardon which only the Lord Himself can offer.

01. Ben-hadad is a perfect example of a person needing a pardon from a greater king. He is wrong in his highest estimation of himself; mistaken in his low estimation of the Lord; and shows evidence of personal weakness even before he runs out of options to preserve his own life.

02. King Ahab is a perfect example of a person who issues a pardon without proper authorization. He is victorious only because the Lord has granted him victory; he is deceived as it pertains to Ben-hadad's true intentions; and he was warned beforehand not to act on his own accord.

03. The interaction between Ben-hadad and King Ahab is a perfect example of what a divine pardon does look like. When we come to the Lord on His terms, recognizing our inability to save ourselves and requesting His mercy through the victorious work of Jesus Christ, He will issue a full and final pardon.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. Based on your initial reading of this chapter, what elements do you find interesting, surprising, and/or troubling? How do the depiction of the approach to warfare, the number of people who die in battle, and the aftermath of the battle conflict with our modern notions of warfare? What do these differences suggest about our need to enter the biblical world on its terms rather than judging it by our terms?

2. Why does King Ahab give in so easily to Ben-hadad's first demand in verses 2-3? Why does Ahab seek further counsel and decide to draw the line in verses 7-9? In what ways does the unnamed prophet provide confidence to Ahab in verses 13-15? In what way does the Lord use others in your life to encourage and strengthen you in times of fear and desperation?

3. What character flaws are evident in Ben-hadad's life? How do we account for the fact that a person who seems to have everything (i.e., a king ruling over a country) can be mastered by self-inflicted matters, like pride and drunkenness? Keep Ben-hadad in mind as an example of someone who seems to have it all but is not to be envied or emulated in any way.

4. Consider the premise in verse 31 behind Ben-hadad's request for pardon: "Behold, now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings." Can the same be said about you? Can the same be said about Northpoint? Pray that this reputation would precede you and Northpoint as we encounter those who wonder if they can be forgiven by the Lord.

For Further Reading: Richard Sibbes, *The Bruised Reed* (first published, 1630; Banner of Truth, 2021)

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