

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF

NUMBERS

COMPLAINING PEOPLE, SPIES IN THE LAND,
WATER FROM A ROCK, A BRONZE SERPENT,
A TALKING DONKEY, AND YOUR STORY OF LIFE IN THE WILD

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Mariners Community,

Do you ever feel like you're wandering through life? In the biblical book of Numbers, we see an amazing account of God guiding His people through the wilderness. They are no longer where they used to be in Egyptian slavery, but they are not yet in the Promised Land.

Just like us today. We are not what we used to be, as Christ has rescued us from the slavery of our sin. But we are not where we will one day be in eternal paradise. And we are not yet who we are becoming. We are all still growing. We are, in many ways, in the wilderness too.

The book of Numbers is the story of God's people in the wild, and how He continually guided and provided for them, even when they doubted and rebelled against Him.

In Genesis, God chose the family that would become the people of Israel. In Exodus, He rescued them from their slavery in Egypt and began leading them to the land He had promised them. In Numbers, we see them navigating the in-between. These 40 years of wandering in the desert have a lot to teach us about what it means to trust and follow God in the in-between. Through these epic stories of a complaining people, spies in the land, water from a rock, a bronze serpent, a talking donkey, and more, we see God's character and how we are called to live as His people. We also see how those stories point us to the whole story of Scripture.

This series magazine, created by our talented Creative Arts Volunteer Team, was made to help you engage deeply with Scripture. Inside, you'll find inspiring stories, original photography, and artwork, along with additional resources for you to go deeper in your personal study of God's Word. I encourage you to bring it with you each week to take notes during the weekend messages, use it in your Life Group gatherings to grow together in community, and reflect on what you're learning through our study of Numbers.

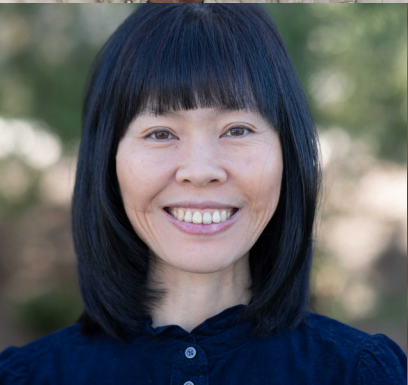
As we walk through this incredible book, I hope you are encouraged in your faith journey and reminded of Jesus' faithfulness to you. I look forward to going deeper into God's Word with you and the incredible account of His people in the wilderness over these next eight weeks.

In Christ,



Eric Geiger
Senior Pastor

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FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The book of Numbers is a journey through the wilderness. It is filled with stories of struggle, resistance, and the tension of learning to trust God when the path forward is unclear. As the Israelites move toward the Promised Land, we see both God’s holiness and His unwavering presence with His people.

This story meets us in our lives today. We all experience seasons that feel uncertain, stretched, or wild. Numbers reminds us that God dwells with His people. Through Jesus, we are not alone. We are His dwelling place, invited to trust Him, follow Him, and respond to His holiness with repentance and faith.

Our prayer is that as you journey through the book of Numbers, these creative reflections from our team of volunteers will help you encounter God more deeply. May you grow in awe of who He is, trust His presence in every season, and discover what it means to follow Him in the wilderness.

With thanks and gratitude,
The Mariners Creative Arts Editorial Team

How to Use This Series Magazine

This series magazine was created for you. It's filled with resources, original artwork, stories, and creative written pieces to enhance your own personal study of Numbers throughout our teaching series. It's a resource meant to travel. Bring it with you to weekend services to take notes and follow along with messages. Take it to your Life Group gathering to go deeper into God's Word with others. Use it in your own time with the Lord as you process the wisdom and teaching of each message and passage of Scripture. We pray it inspires and encourages you in your own walk with the Lord every day.

HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS TO GUIDE YOU:

SERMON NOTES

Each week there is space for you to take notes for the weekend message. It's a great way for you to follow along each week of the series and record how God is speaking to you through His Word.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

These lessons are meant to be explored in the context of a Life Group. In Life Groups, we grow in our faith together and experience life as God intended—in community. We encourage you to join a Life Group and dive into each message with others during the week. Visit marinerschurch.org/joinagroup to learn more.

DEEPER STUDY

Each week, you will find articles and short Christ Connections for further study. These teaching resources are designed to help you go deeper into Numbers and see how everything in it points to Jesus. We encourage you to read them each week after messages to grow in your understanding and love for God's Word.

CREATIVE ELEMENTS

At the end of each week's content, you'll find creative pieces, including original artwork, photography, personal stories, and creative writing, contributed by our amazing Creative Arts Volunteer Team. Each piece is inspired by the book of Numbers and its themes.



JOIN A GROUP
Scan the QR code to learn more about ways you can grow in your faith with others!

introduction to

NUM

The English title “Numbers” derives from the Septuagint name “Arithmoi,” based on the two military censuses in chapters 1 and 26. The Hebrew title, Bemidbar, “In the Wilderness,” describes the geographical setting of much of the book—from the Wilderness of Sinai to the arid Plains of Moab, across the Jordan River from Jericho.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF WRITING

Author: Christian scholars have traditionally held that Moses was the author of the Pentateuch, which includes the book of Numbers. As with the other books in the Pentateuch, Numbers is anonymous, but Moses is a central character throughout. Moses kept a journal (33:2), and the phrase “The Lord spoke to Moses” is used over 40 times. It is possible that a few portions were later added by scribes, such as the reference to Moses’s humility (12:3) and the reference to the “Book of the Lord’s Wars” (21:14). Moses remains the primary writer.

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Background: Numbers continues the historical narrative begun in Exodus. It picks up one month after the close of Exodus (Ex 40:2; Nm 1:1), which is about one year after the Israelites’ departure from Egypt. Numbers covers the remaining thirty-nine years of the Israelites’ stay in the wilderness, from Sinai to Kadesh, and finally to the plains on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

MESSAGE AND PURPOSE

Sovereignty of God: The principal character in the book of Numbers is Yahweh, the God of Israel. He is sovereign over the affairs of all peoples from all nations. Even Balaam, a sorcerer opposed to the ways of God, was made into an instrument for accomplishing his purposes. God accomplished his will even when his people rebelled, as in the rejection of the promised land in chaps. 13–14; in the end he kept his promise to Abraham by achieving this goal in the next generation of Israelites.

Presence of God: God’s presence is exemplified in the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day, by the ark of the covenant that represents the throne of his presence among humanity, and by the mobile sanctuary, which demonstrates that the God of Israel cannot be confined to a territory, region, or city, much less a sanctuary of any kind.

Purity and Holiness of God: God is holy and pure, and he requires such behavior from those who claim him as their God. This is a central theme of the Pentateuch and the book of Numbers.

God and Revelation: The revelatory terminology of “the Lord spoke to Moses” provides the framework for the structure of the book. Moses is the primary human agent of revelation. Numbers presents God as one able to accomplish his revelatory will even through a donkey or pagan diviner.

Promise and Fulfillment: God promised Abram that he would produce a great nation through him (Gn 12:2) and give his descendants the land of the Canaanites and Amorites (Gn 15:1,8-21;17:8). The two censuses show God's fulfillment of the first promise. The granting of territory to two and one-half tribes in Transjordan is the beginning of the land fulfillment. God proved himself faithful to that second promise by bringing it to fruition for the second generation (Nm 15:1-21; 27:1-23; 36:1-12).

Uniqueness and Exclusivity of God: The God of Israel is the one true God; therefore, he is worthy of humanity's exclusive devotion. He cannot tolerate the worship of other deities, the elements, and forces of his creation. He is beyond human reason to comprehend and incomparable to human character (23:19). All images of deity were forbidden by Israelite law along with unauthorized worship centers, cultic instruments, and certain worship styles. All such forms of idolatry were to be removed from the land, lest Israel lapse into transgression and suffer punishment.

Celebration in Worship: The dual themes of celebration and worship are delineated beginning in the initial chapters of Numbers, which depict Israel in harmonious devotion to the Lord (chaps. 1-7), and continuing to the promise of an abundance of crops in the land, which would be brought to the Lord in sacrifices and offerings when the people inherited their tribal territories (15:1-21; 28:1-29:40). Interspersed throughout the book are several songs, including the "Song of the Cloud" (9:17-23) and the "Battle Song of the Ark" (10:35-36). The parameters of faithful worship for the sojourning Israelites are also delineated through several negative circumstances, including their failure to keep the Passover (9:13), the breaking of the Sabbath (15:32-41), and the judgment against unfaithful priests or their supporters (chaps. 16-17). Worship and celebration of the God of Israel are not limited to Israelites. Several passages state that there is one law for the Israelites and resident aliens. Aliens could celebrate the Passover if they wanted to identify with Israel in its devotion to the Lord, the one true God, but they had to abide by his instructions and precepts (9:14).

CONTRIBUTION TO THE BIBLE

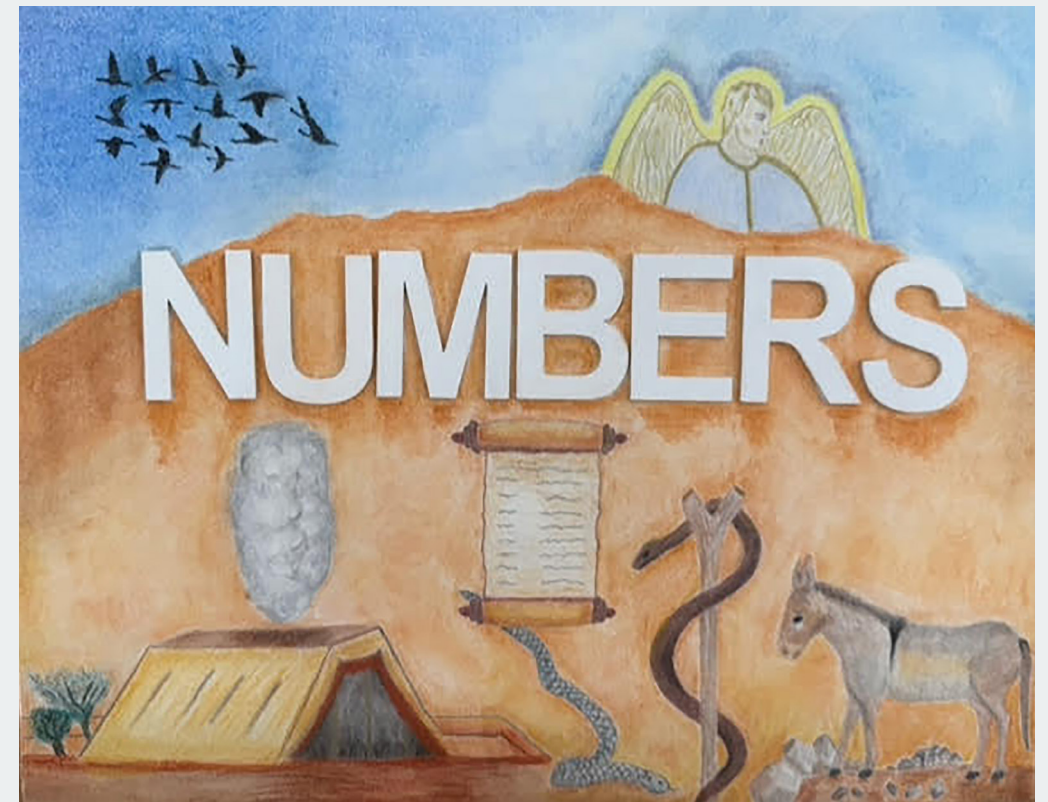
Numbers shows us how God responded to the unbelief of the Israelites. There are consequences to our disobedience, but God's grace remains and his redemptive plan and desire for us will not be stopped. The book of Numbers underscores for us the importance of obedience in the life of a Christian, and Paul reminded us of the value of learning from the way God has worked in the past (Rm 15:4; 1Co 10:6,11).

STRUCTURE

Numbers reflects the challenging message of faithfulness. The book consists of seven cycles of material, with the repetition of the following types of material: (1) a statement of the historical setting, (2) reference to the twelve tribes of Israel and their respective leaders, (3) matters related to the priests and Levites, and (4) laws for defining the nature of the faithful community.

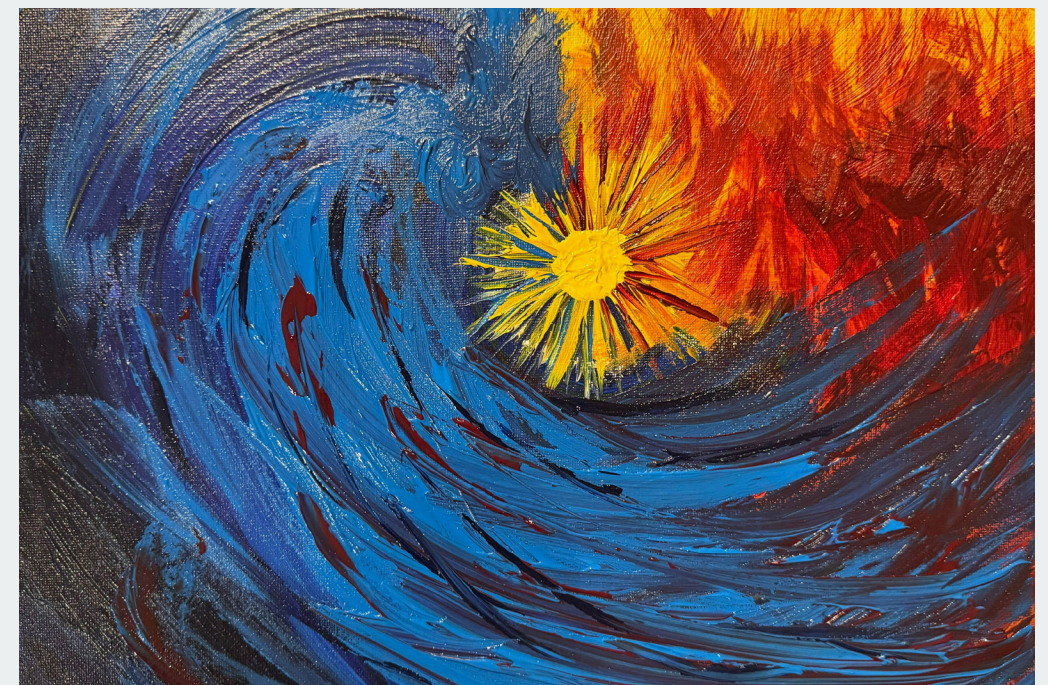
This book of the Law is primarily narrative with portions of case law interwoven into a vibrant literary fabric.

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Book of Numbers
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Intercession: Atonement in the Chaos
Original Artwork by Kimberly Johnson



The self-sufficient and eternal God lovingly creates a perfect creation with humanity as His crowning work. Falling for Satan's temptation, humanity rebels and sin enters the world bringing death, pain, and strife. Instead of giving up on humanity, God promises that from the womb of a woman will come the One who will crush Satan's head.

God pursues Abram (who is renamed Abraham), a man from an idol-worshipping family who has no children with his wife, and promises that he will be the father of many nations. God promises land to Abraham and assures him that all nations will be blessed through his offspring. God continues to be faithful to this family. He restates the promise to Abraham's son Isaac and grandson Jacob (who is renamed Israel). A famine strikes the promised land, so Jacob and the family move to Egypt where one of his sons, Joseph, is already there to provide for them.

The family becomes a nation while living in Egypt, but also becomes enslaved to the Egyptians. God raises up Moses to lead His people to freedom. During a tenth plague, God strikes dead the firstborn son of everyone living in Egypt, but "passes over" Israel as they put the blood of lambs on their doorposts. After miraculously rescuing His people, God gives His people the law. He also instructs them to build a tabernacle and offer sacrifices so He may dwell among them.

God brings His people, through their leader Joshua, into the promised land. When God's people worship the gods of the nations surrounding them, God disciplines them through the attacks of surrounding nations. God raises up judges (or rulers) to rescue His people and call them to repentance. They beg for a king to be like other nations, and God gives them Saul. God then raises up a new king, David, and promises that his kingdom will never end. The family that turned into a nation is now a kingdom. David's son, Solomon, builds a temple to replace the tabernacle.

Solomon takes foreign wives and allows their foreign gods to clutter the land. His son continues the line of rulers and the kingdom is divided into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). Prophets confront the people but they persist in their idolatry. The Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria and the Southern Kingdom is carried away into Babylonian captivity. When they are freed, they return to a nation and kingdom far less glorious than before and are still unable to keep their promises.

A descendant of Adam, Abraham, and David, Jesus is the One who crushes the head of Satan, will bless all nations, and reigns forever. Jesus, the God-Man, enters humanity through the womb of a virgin, perfectly obeys the law that we could never obey, dies as the once-and-for-all sacrifice for our sins, and rises from the dead, conquering Satan, sin, and death. He inaugurates His eternal Kingdom and secures salvation for His people.

After His ascension to Heaven, Jesus sends the promised Holy Spirit and His disciples turn the world upside down preaching the good news of Jesus. This good news is known as the gospel. In the midst of intense persecution, the gospel spreads, and Gentiles and Jews form a new people. Churches are planted in cities, and apostles write letters encouraging and instructing the people in the grace of Christ and their response to His grace.

A time is coming when God's people—people from every tribe, tongue, and nation who have been rescued by Christ—will enjoy Him and His rule forever in perfect harmony. Satan will be crushed, the effects of sin will be reversed, and all things will be made new.

CREATION AND FALL

PROMISE AND A PEOPLE

RESCUE AND LAW

LAND AND KINGDOM

EXILE AND RETURN

JESUS

A NEW PEOPLE

A BETTER BEGINNING

2000 BC

1400 BC

1000 BC

600 BC

AD

AD 30

LEVITICUS

As a church, we will walk through the historical narrative books of God's people in the Old Testament in a five-year period and see how God worked with and among His people.

Leviticus is primarily a book of laws, containing commands and decrees with little narrative. The book of Numbers is the account of God's people living in the land with those laws.

EVENTS OF THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

week one

NUMBERS 1:47-54, 9:15-23

NOT ALONE



Life Group Discussion Guide

RHYTHM REMINDER  Share Your Story

LEAN IN

If you have a free evening to do what you want, would you rather spend it socializing with friends or by yourself doing something you enjoy? _____

LOOK DOWN

Read Numbers 1:47-54 (pg. 22). What does this passage tell us about the holiness of God? _____

LOOK OUT

Our culture often values speed, efficiency, and autonomy. How does Israel's dependence on God in this passage confront those values? _____

LOOK IN

If we truly believe that we are now God's dwelling place, the tabernacle, how should that affect how we see our bodies, our schedules, and how we spend our lives? _____



CHRIST CONNECTION

By John Thomas | Lead Discipleship Pastor

In the book of Numbers, Israel's life is ordered around the presence of God.

The tabernacle, the place where Heaven and Earth meet, stands at the center of the camp. When the cloud rises, the people set out. When it remains, they stay. Their identity and direction were not self-directed, but organized around the presence of God, present with them, but not yet within them.

But this was provisional.

Moses was faithful as a servant within God's house, entrusted to order the life of the people around God's presence and to bear witness to what was coming. The tabernacle, the ordering of their life together, even their leadership, all pointing forward to something and someone greater.

In the book of Hebrews, we see that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that Moses and the tabernacle anticipated.

Unlike Moses, Jesus is not a servant in the house; He is the Lord over it (Hebrews 3:5-6). He is the builder of the house, the Son sent from God to reveal the Father, and the High Priest who brings us into His presence. What was mediated through shadow is now fulfilled in Him.

And here is the staggering reality: we are that house.

God's presence is no longer localized or restricted to a temple, but alive within us. By His Spirit, God dwells within His people.

So hold fast to your confidence and your hope. You are not alone; the faithful Son is for you and within you, leading and sustaining you by His presence.

NOT ALONE

By Angelina Joseph

Our flight arrived early in Nadi, Fiji at 5a. I was so excited to be on this beautiful island, meet with the team from the missions organization I was traveling with at the time, and start preparing for the outreach at the orphanages. The arrival area was crowded, and the immigration line was too long because many travelers were on vacation, and one could see how joyful and excited they were to visit Fiji. Fiji is known as a tropical paradise for its stunning natural beauty, particularly its beautiful beaches with coral and crystal blue water.

It was my turn to approach the immigration window and show my travel documents. The officer asked the purpose of my visit to the island, the duration, and the accommodations, common questions immigration officers ask at all international airports in the world to travelers. I answered the questions calmly and honestly, then she asked me to follow her in the back and showed me a seat. Then she left the room.

At that point, some doubt-filled questions were rising in my mind: What if God did not permit the mission trip in Fiji? What if immigration stopped me from entering the country? But for some reason, I remained peaceful throughout the whole situation, knowing that we had prayed for months seeking God's face for this mission trip. Our presence on the island was in obedience to Jesus' Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). Regardless

of the circumstances, I was not alone. Jesus was with me, and the outcome would be for His glory.

Likewise, the Israelites, in Numbers 1:47-54 and 9:15-23, were not alone. God was with them as He was also with me on my journey. We see that the Israelites were following and obeying the structure God set before them. They were fully dependent on God's divine guidance under Moses' supervision and the law upheld by the Levites. That passage of Scripture describes how the cloud led them during the day and the fire at night. In the same manner, I was being directed by God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, all day long.

I was also reminded of Paul's admonishment to the Corinthians: "Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). I am also the tabernacle, or temple of God, guided by the Holy Spirit who dwells in me through Christ.

After nearly two hours in the waiting room, I was called by another officer for interrogation again. I peacefully answered the questions. While she was interrogating me, I asked if she was a believer in Christ. She said, "Yes." Imagine what happened next. I knew God would show up. The atmosphere completely changed, and it became warm as the spirit of sisterhood in Christ started flowing through the sharing of our experiences as Jesus' followers. The name of the officer was Terry. She was happy to meet me and grateful for our mission at the orphanages. She ended up inviting the team to her church to meet her pastor.



At that point, I understood that the whole ordeal was for the team to connect with Terry's church during our stay. The Scriptures said: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV).

I was elated and enthusiastic when I came out of my meeting with Terry. I realized that God was orchestrating the whole situation for His glory so we could connect with the church on the island. I was not alone; God was with me.

In the days that followed, we were excited to do the outreach at the orphanages and with the kids. The orphanage staff were so happy that we were there.





A SAFE SOJOURN:

When Mariners Church Met the Union Rescue Mission

By Lexi Ragan | Photos by Barbara Berg

The Union Rescue Mission (URM) has endured as a beacon of hope for those experiencing homelessness for 135 years. Founded in 1891, URM was initially known for its traveling ministry with a “Gospel Wagon” that would distribute Bibles, food, and clothing to people living on the streets. Today, the same mission is centered in the downtown Los Angeles area known as Skid Row, a historically-impoverished neighborhood where the quartet of the vulnerable, widows, orphans, immigrants, and the poor, are severely affected. With Christ as the spiritual backbone and a comprehensive care team that understands the specific needs of the community, URM is a refuge that “walks alongside individuals and families on their journey home.” It is a place that goes divine miles to guide people in need of healing onto the path of restoration God has in store for them.

It begins with helping “one soul, one human at a time,” says URM President Richard Baker, who has been attending Mariners Irvine for 20 years, overseeing both the mission’s operations and its new connection to the church. As the first Los Angeles Mariners Church gathering, Mariners at URM now hosts services every weekend for the community at large, with meals and fellowship offered before and afterward.

Like the heavy-laden Israelites who felt homesick and displaced in the wilderness while on their way to the Promised Land, 76,000 unhoused people in L.A. County are walking their own “urban” version of wilderness that overwhelms the city with stories of deep-seated pain. Yet as citizens of Heaven, we are only sojourners passing through this Earth to reach our eternal home—the “true country” we belong to, as C.S. Lewis described—where we will live forever with God. On our way there, much of the human journey reveals great

suffering, but it is places like URM that have become middle passageways, ushering people into a future free from the burdens that led them to the streets. From a lack of resources to abuse, addictions, or mental illnesses, URM seeks to turn stories of wounds and darkness into ones with the hope-filled light of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great Physician.

The mission has been architecturally designed to fulfill the role of an emergency shelter that can properly address any physical, mental, and spiritual needs, as well as provide educational, occupational, and housing resources. Residents may stay in the program as long as they need to recover, from three to six months or more, depending on their personal treatment plan. With an excellent team of psychologists, psychiatrists, case workers, tutors, and chaplains who sensitively address each resident's story with empathy, URM prioritizes the whole person's needs. Its involvement with local universities is also impressive, as students from USC, UCLA, and Pepperdine University visit to learn and to serve residents.

Union Rescue Mission also has its own private chapel, with a stunning interior design. Baker emphasizes how significant this space was when the mission was built, specifically for the prominent cross lit from within, which shines out as a ministry to the street. This cross, which spans 37 feet from the floor to the ceiling in the center of the chapel, is the focal point of the entire room, capturing the attention of both eyes and hearts to engage in worship.



Visitors to URM will immediately notice that the color of the chapel's exterior is a deep, crimson red, while the inside chapel walls are painted pure white, reminiscent of Isaiah 1:18, which reads:

"Come, let's settle this,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are scarlet,
they will be as white as snow;
though they are crimson red,
they will be like wool."

When entering the chapel, a quiet shalom echoes from within, with cube-shaped, stained glass embellishments that cast prisms of light around the cross. However, there was a time when this sacred space went through its own turbulent wilderness. When URM experienced a "huge surge in homelessness" during the pandemic, what was once an active worship center paused to become a place of immediate shelter for women seeking refuge from the streets. This accommodation was made to provide shelter for men and families in other parts of the mission. In fact, this is the only mission on Skid Row that takes in families, which is groundbreaking in terms of caring for both individuals and whole family units in the area, Baker explains. The mission even built personalized pods for the residents so they would be able to rest in their own private spaces.

"We believe God was calling us to take anyone," Baker recalls, expressing that, though it was challenging, they could never turn away a soul in need during COVID. The chapel was able to house hundreds of women on blow-up mattresses. Over time, it understandably became a struggle to keep the room sanitary. Yet to offer a warm place for women to lay their heads while treating them with dignity and love—this was the holy work URM was committed to offering.

With the chapel's rich history and how it continues to house the suffering, one can't help but think about how it is indeed a divine dwelling place. Regular worship services in the chapel were



postponed for two years, but all the while, God was using it as a space of safety and rest for His children who were deeply hurting. In this way, worship never ceased.

Eventually, URM raised sufficient funds to renovate the chapel, but one thing was missing—a consistent church presence that would revive the chapel and fill it with worship. “We had been praying for the last year and a half about what God would have us do with this space,” Baker recalls.

At the same time, the Lord put it on the hearts of Mariners’ pastoral team to plant a congregation in the Los Angeles area, but the location had not yet been determined. Then the miraculous happened: during the first leadership visit on August 6, 2025, to scope out the possibility of planting a congregation at URM, the Holy Spirit made it clear through the sign of His tangible peace that God would make a way for Mariners to be the church committed to fostering relationships here.

In obedience to the Lord’s call, Mariners officially announced its partnership with URM that same month. At the beginning of the launch, eager volunteers boarded buses in Irvine to travel to downtown L.A., with everyone sharing how God moved on the ride back. Now, a faithful and quickly-growing launch team shows up every weekend to both serve wholeheartedly and help build various ministries. From booming kids’ and worship programs to street outreach that offers prayer, care packages, and soul care, many needs are being met. There’s even a pet ministry that offers a place for people on the streets to leave their animal companions with caring volunteers so they can come into the chapel and listen to the message. “What is unique about the experience that Mariners creates is the community,” Baker says.

URM has officially opened its doors to the public, so anyone on the streets can come to experience church every weekend, all while being offered shelter and recovery. There are now baptisms on the roof after passionate “I Believe” declarations where people place their trust in Jesus for the first time, volunteers sharing warm meals in the cafeteria with residents, prayer huddles for the entire community, vibrant kids’ Bible lessons, and collective praise being lifted in the chapel, which feels like only the beginning of what the Lord will do here. When His people come together to inhabit a place, it truly comes alive!

“Those who get called to URM are on a passage to continue into a future that meets their soul; there are so many stories of people who have had incredible, abundant lives after a stay with us,” Baker concludes, acknowledging that people who pass through the mission leave better prepared to lead a restored life.

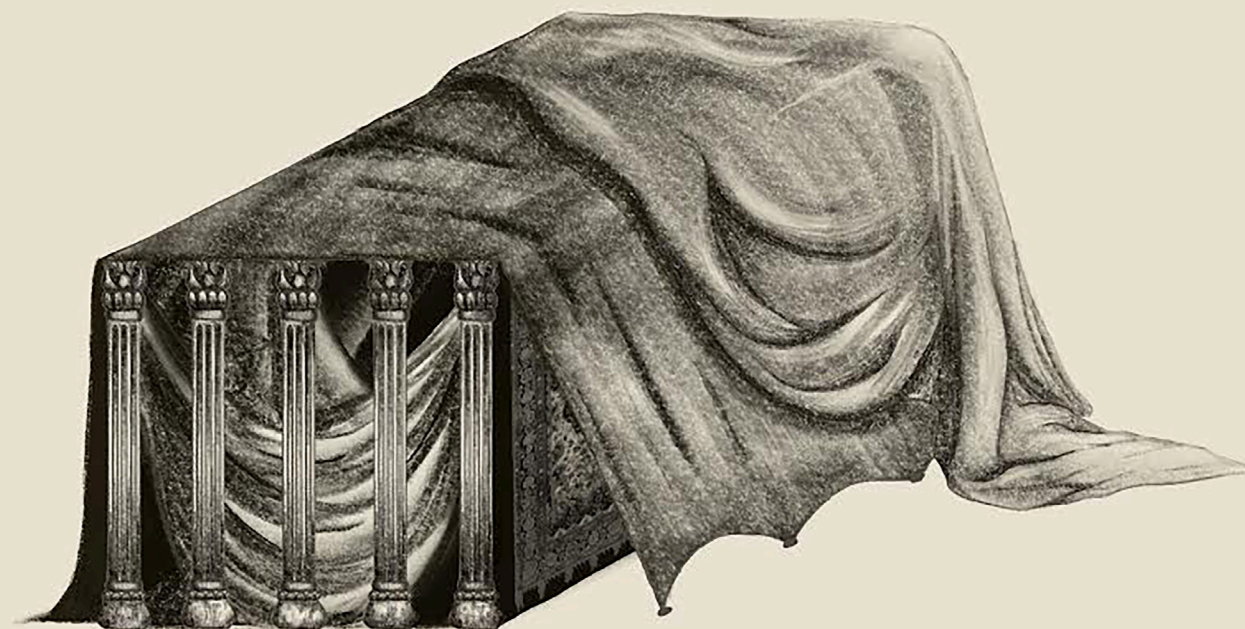
There is beauty in our becoming through life’s wildernesses, and these metaphors capture well what we, as wayfaring children of God, may feel like on the narrow path home:

*A TRAVELER on a rocky road, bound for the streets of gold.
A WATCHMAN on the midnight hills, to greet the everlasting Day.
A DIAMOND in the rough, being polished to shine as the stars.
A NUGGET of gold in the crucible, to be refined from its dross.
A PEARL in the oyster, to be delivered from the body of flesh.
A LAMP in a dark, dark night, soon to blaze forth with everlasting light.
A STRANGER in the midst of enemies, hurrying on to live in everlasting fellowship.
A FLOWER in a garden of briars, soon to unfold its petals where the Rose of Sharon blooms. —Streams in the Desert by L.B. Cowman.*

The same God who heard every single groan in the Israelites’ season of wilderness is tenderly hearing the people of Skid Row. By providing URM as a safe sojourn, the weary can personally meet Jesus and continue their travels in this life with Him, forever changed.

The Tabernacle

Original Artwork by Tamara Czerwiak



The Tabernacle .

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Moving of the Ark
Original Artwork by Tessa Chaudhry



THE BURNING CLOUD

By Layne Anzaldo

The heavens above
exhale a billow
to stoke the blazing cloud—
and the same breath
fills our lungs.

Hold it in,
set out with the wind
under the embered cover
of presence, and follow.

Breathe out while
waiting with the skies
for another breath,
cleave to the cloud's next move—
journey written
in haze and flame.

Let the nightly heat sear
His guidance into our limbs
as the way is known,
leading us to where
faith meets awe
before God's holiness.

Cloud and Fire over the Tabernacle
Original Artwork by Linda Le

