

# Connections

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## What lens do you pick up in the morning?

Pastor Corey Laughary



We all have lenses through which we view life. Sometimes we pick up the grumpy and tired lens in the morning and view the whole day through our grumpiness. Other days we are stirred up over politics or national issues, and we see life and our neighbors through lenses that are often shaped by national news networks or Web sites.

There is a better way. God calls us to pick up the lenses of love, grace and truth.

1. The Lens of Love: I would strongly encourage you, as you start your day, to reaffirm that God loves you, and God has called you to love Him and to love your neighbors as yourself. He has called you to love even enemies. Pick up the lens of love daily.

2. The Lens of Grace: Along with that lens of love comes the lens of grace, they may as well be the same lens. The lens of grace reminds us each day that life is a gift, it is sacred, and we should cherish and honor our life, and the lives of others. The lens of grace leads us to be charitable to others, to give others the benefit of the doubt, it helps us to be quick to listen and slow to anger. We will deal with the log in our own eye before we even think about the speck in someone else's eye.

3. Along with the lenses of love and grace, reach for the lens of truth each morning. You will find the lens of truth in the Bible, not on a news network or Web site. God's Word is truth and is unchanging. There are many political leaders, pundits and even preachers who think they get to shape what is true. So be careful and wise and



remember that God is the only perfect Truth-teller, because He is the Truth. Test all things against the Word of God.

I think if we all agree to daily pick up the lenses of love, grace and truth, our homes, families and communities would be better for it. I know I'm tired of the lenses of hate, judgment, and half-truths (aka lies). We can each do better. If we each do better in being loving, gracious and truthful, there will be a positive impact in our homes and communities.

Let's pray that if we each live seeing the world through the lenses God wants us to use that our nation could see more of God, and turn to Him and avoid further division and violence.

Depending on Jesus,  
Pastor Corey

# TOWN HALL MEETING

JOIN US FOR A TOWN HALL MEETING  
SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 5 PM

Pastor Corey & the Church Leadership Team will host a Town Hall Meeting to discuss plans for reopening and to answer your questions. **The Zoom link will be sent by mail in early October.**

Limited in-person participation will be available for those without access to the Internet.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the church office:  
(509) 878-1509

Or...e-mail Pastor Corey:  
corey@palousechurch.org

## JOHN READING PLAN

Join us on a journey through the Gospel of John. We're recommending a simple plan that covers one chapter a day. Simply pick a day to start and read one chapter every day and you'll be done in 21 days. If you want to join a You Version Bible App reading plan, let us know and we'll help you get started. New groups are starting all the time.

Day 1 - John 1	Day 12 - John 12
Day 2 - John 2	Day 13 - John 13
Day 3 - John 3	Day 14 - John 14
Day 4 - John 4	Day 15 - John 15
Day 5 - John 5	Day 16 - John 16
Day 6 - John 6	Day 17 - John 17
Day 7 - John 7	Day 18 - John 18
Day 8 - John 8	Day 19 - John 19
Day 9 - John 9	Day 20 - John 20
Day 10 - John 10	Day 21 - John 21
Day 11 - John 11	



## Covid-19 Education Mini Grants

Schooling in the midst of a pandemic brings about a host of unforeseen expenses. If you have encountered a need for education-related supplies unique to learning in the Covid-19 pandemic, we invite you to submit an application for our Covid-19 Education Mini Grants for Garfield and Palouse area teachers and families.

A total of \$1,500 will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and the maximum grant amount is \$100.

**Applications are due by October 15, 2020.** Visit [palousechurch.org](http://palousechurch.org) for the easy online application.

