



“From Understanding to Empathy”

Rev. James Lee

There are generally two major instances when we feel that life is difficult. One is when it relates to money, and the other is when problems arising from interpersonal relationships make our lives challenging. Of course, there are various other reasons such as health, self-esteem, success, and justice, but these two seem to be the issues directly tied to our lives that hit us the hardest.

No one truly believes that money can solve everything. At the same time, we cannot simply disregard money. It is an absolute necessity in our lives. The problem lies in the fact that some people are given a lot of money, while others are given very little. I believe many have experienced a sense of loss because of money. We often feel discouraged when we find ourselves in a miserable state, not even having enough money to buy a single hamburger right away. There is a saying, Gwa-yu-bul-geup (過猶不及)—meaning that excess is just as bad as deficiency. Having more is not always better. Everyone has their own right measure. I believe that God grants us just as much as we can handle. If we keep this mind, wouldn't a sense of contentment grow within us? Yet, most people live their lives constantly feeling a sense of lack. As we grow older, people often say that if you have even just one friend who truly connects with your heart, your relationships have been a success. How should we build relationships so that we can reach a point where our hearts truly connect? Most human relationships fail because they are one-sided. It is because we fail to accept that everyone thinks differently and that everyone has a different way of life. That is why many say we must be able to consider the other person's perspective. However, the real problem is that even when we understand them, we often cannot truly empathize with them.

How could we possibly know every single detail of another person's inner struggles? Nevertheless, we can understand. We can understand their material and emotional struggles, but it is difficult to fully empathize with them. As a result, we misunderstand, we miscalculate, and even when we think we are doing our best, it leads to unintended outcomes.

Everyone wants to live in good relationships with others. That is precisely why it is painful and distressing. We must pray for the grace to go beyond mere understanding and truly empathize. If we do not pray about the very things that make our lives the most difficult, what else would we ask for? We must pray so that we can be content and thankful, and so that we can understand, empathize, and build good relationships with others.



Sunday worship	11:00AM	Small Sanctuary
Sunday School		
Early morning Prayer	06:00AM(Tue.-Fri.) 06:30AM(Sat.)	Main Sanctuary
Intercessory Prayer meeting	09:00AM(Sun)	Education Building
Disciple Training Man of Jesus	1:00 PM(Sun)	Education Building
New comers Class	1:00PM(Sun)	Education Building
Yedam Community	Every Second Sunday Fourth Sunday	Meeting Room
Korean School (Plan)	01:00PM(Sun)	Education Building
College & Adult	01:00PM(Sun)	Education Building



Church Map



Church Address

1310 S. Longmore
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Ephesians 4:13

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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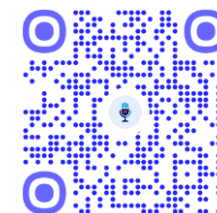
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Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

‘From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.’ John 1:16

Confession of Faith	Apostle’s Creed
Hymn	Praise & Worship
Prayer	Deacon Jay Jang
Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:24-28
Sermon	“Jacob’s Prayer!” -Rev. James Lee-
Welcome & Announcement	Rev. James Lee
Offering & Praise	“He Provides Rain!” Offering: Bo Hyun Kim /Young Ae Shin
Benediction	Rev. James Lee



Worship Service Volunteers

	Prayer Sunday	Prayer Sat.	Offering	Lunch(Sunday)		Cleaning
				Serving	Dish washer	
9/27	Jay Jang	YoungAe (10/3)	BoHyun/Young Ae	Julia Wong	Hephzi-bah	Timothy (10/03)
10/04	Sungsik	Jay Jang (10/10)	Min Hyuk/Sang Mi	Special	Joshua	Faith (10/10)
10/11	Bo Hyun	Sungsik (10/17)	Jay Jang/Cindy Jang	Su Been	Timothy	Hephzibah (10/17)
10/18	Min Hyuk	MinJin (10/24)	Young Lim/Dasom	Eun Jin	Faith	Joshua (10/24)
Worship Guide: Bo Hyun Kim, Hee Jin Jeon						



Church Announcement

""Welcome to the Community Becoming Like Jesus. We sincerely welcome you. We look forward to a beautiful fellowship and meeting after the worship service."

Welcome to New Members	We welcome those who are visiting our church for the first time or just stopping by.
Ordination and Thanksgiving Service	Date: Oct 4 th , 2026. Guest speaker: Ki Sung Lee (Delaware Sa-Rang Church)
Holy Bible copying relay	We start VKPC Holy Bible copying relay. Please check the announcement and join on.
Leadership workshop	Date. Sep 27, 2026 1:00 pm Ordained officers and candidate.
Praise & Worship	Date: Oct 01, 2026 Thursday 7:00pm Every 1 st Thursday of the Month at 7 pm



매일 성경읽기 및 중보기도(가정) 안내

28(Mo)	29(Tu)	30(Wn)	1(Tr)	2(Fr)	3(Sa)	4(Su)
Zechariah 1-4	Zechariah 11-14 Mi Rye	Malachi 1-4 Robert Cristy	Matthew 1-4 Thomas Hye Bin	Matthew 5-7 Suzanna D Mario	Matthew 8-9 Sunday Service	Matthew 10-11



Saturday Early Mornng Prayer

03, Oct. Sat. 6:30am

Confession of Faith	Apostle’s Creed
Hymn	Hymn 546, 200
Prayer	Deacon Young Ae Shin
Sermon	Hebrew 4:11-14 “A Great High Priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses” Rev. Ki Sung Lee



Bible Problem Solving

(Sep 27)

Zechariah Malachi Matthew 8 Name:

Zechariah

- What is the name of the man who will build the temple of the Lord, bear royal honor, and rule? (Zech 6:12)
- What kind of judgments does the Lord of hosts command you to render? (Zech 7:9)
- What did God say He would cut off from Philistia? (Zech 9:6)
- Upon whose arm and right eye did God say the sword would strike? (Zech 11:17)
- On that day, who did God say would be ashamed of his prophetic vision? (Zech 13:4)
- On that day, where shall the Lord's feet stand? (Zech 14:4)

Malachi

- What did God say He would spread on the faces of the people (priests)? (Mal 2:3)
- In what ways has Israel robbed God? (Mal 3:8)
- What gifts did the wise men (Magi) offer to the child Jesus? (Matt 2:11)

- With what does John say the One coming after him will baptize you? (Matt 3:11)

- Where was Jesus led to be tempted by the devil? (Matt 4:1)

- In the Sermon on the Mount, what does Jesus say the meek shall inherit? (Matt 5:5)
- When you do what, should you not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing? (Matt 6:3)

- Why were the crowds astonished at the Lord’s words? (Matt 7:29)

- After cleansing the leper, to whom did the Lord tell him to go and show himself? (Matt 8:4)

Answers from Last Week

- Three days
- A gourd
- Money
- The mountain of the Lord
- Omri and Ahab
- The godly and the upright
- Will not leave
- Falsehood and violence
- Faith
- Because of the Lord
- Those who keep the statutes of the Lord
- The Almighty
- Peace
- In a single day
- A woman