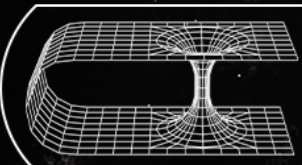


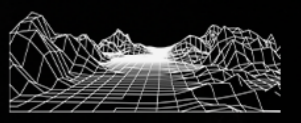
# I'VE BEEN WONDERING



NEW SERIES  
~~NEXT WEEK.~~

**IN MAY**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN IN THE WORLD?  
WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?  
WHY WOULD AN INFINITE GOD CARE ABOUT  
THE FINITE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCE DAY TO DAY.



**WONDERING**

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## CLOSER LOOK: 05.22.22

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## Message Notes:

### THE POWER OF SIN: Romans 7:15-25

- Sin cannot be understood
- Sin makes us all hypocrites
- Sin will never leave us
- Sin is an indwelling force
- Sin is a constant reality

### THE POWER OF GRACE

- Jesus has gone ahead of you
- Jesus stands for you and against your enemy
- Jesus changes you

## Questions:

- In Pastor Joe’s message we heard that the purpose of the law was to show us the condition of our humanity and to show us how we need a savior. What were your thoughts when you heard that today?
- Have you ever tried to handle sin in your own strength versus living in the grace of God? What was the difference?
- In the story we read today in John 8:1-11, Jesus stood up against the woman’s accusers and then He gave her what she didn’t deserve, Grace.
  - He then told her to go and sin no more. How does receiving this Grace (receiving what we don’t deserve) cause us not to want to sin anymore?

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### Prayer:

Jesus, thank you that you have already paid the price for my sin and that your Holy Spirit empowers me to live for you daily. Help me live this walk with you in your love and grace. Thank you that there is no condemnation when I fall because I am in You.

AMEN

### What's Coming

**Up:** <https://rock.celebration.church/events>

- **JUNE 1:** Pursuit Night
- **JUNE 5:** Small Group Leader's Orientation
- **JUNE 21-23:** Celebration KiDS Camp
- **JUNE 26:** Baptisms
- **JULY 16:** ARC Serve Saturday
- **JULY 20:** WAVE Student Conference

### Challenge:

*How might you focus on accepting the GRACE of God and **focus on who he wants you to be** rather than what you need to avoid?*