

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.16.2025

TCCO STUDENTS+ COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT @ THYR: All 6th-12th Grade Students are welcome to join us this Wed. 11/19, 6:30-8:30pm, at Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch (5744 W Canyon Rd, Tulsa). Drop-off & Pick-up at THYR. You will not want to miss this fun fall night of serving together & connecting as a group, a hayride, bonfire, s'mores & fun! Each student needs a signed waiver on file with THYR. Contact Pastor Walter with any questions or for a copy of the waiver (walter@theconnecting.co).

HELP DECORATE TCCO FOR CHRISTMAS: You are invited to stay after church NEXT Sun. 11/23, after the 11am service, and help us decorate TCCO for Christmas! Lunch will be provided. Scan the QR code to register with the total number from your family/group volunteering and eating lunch or email brittany@theconnecting.co, no later than Thurs. 11/20. This is a fun family event; children are invited to decorate with their families, but must stay together & under parents' supervision, while decorating. Childcare will not be provided for this event.

TCCO GIVES 2025: We have adopted 30-35 children again this year of families who are displaced, many living in tents, RVs or shelters, who are in need this holiday season. We will provide them with Christmas dinner and buy gifts from their wish lists. Mark any donations over and above your tithes/offerings to help sponsor these families as "TCCO Gives." Gift tags for gifts for these children will be available on the Christmas trees in our lobby starting on 11/23. Please sign-up in the lobby for whichever tag/s you take. See gift tags with instructions (or QR code) for drop-off days and times. We also need volunteers to sign up to help receive gifts on drop-off days at TCCO Sun. 12/7 to Thurs. 12/11, and to help drive and make deliveries to each family on Sun. 12/14. To volunteer, or with any other questions, please email outreach@theconnecting.co.

CHRISTMAS SHE EVENT: Join us for our next TCCO Ladies Night on Fri. 12/5, 6:30-8:30pm at TCCO. We have a special Christmas themed night planned for you...a light dinner (soup, salad, & bread), hot cocoa bar, time of worship, devotion from Pastor Leann, intentional time to talk and connect with other ladies, and a "favorite things" gift exchange. (For anyone who wants to participate, bring a wrapped gift, one of your "favorite things", valued at \$10 or less, new, wrapped, and ready to exchange.) Also, feel free to wear your favorite Christmas comfies if you would like! Open to all ladies 16 & older; invite all the ladies in your life! Use the QR code to register, no later than Tues. 12/2. No childcare is provided. However, if that would keep you from being able to attend and you have an extenuating circumstance, please contact one of our staff ladies. We can't wait to share this night with you all! Questions? Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST: All Men 16 & older are invited to join us Sat. 12/6 at 9am at TCCO. Don't miss out on a great breakfast, a powerful devotion from Pastor Travis, and a great opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 12/4. Invite all the men in your life to join you, and we look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact travis@theconnecting.co.

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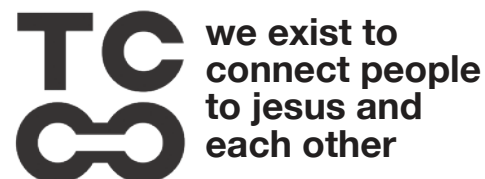
Wed. 11/26, No TCCO Students - Thanksgiving Break
Wed. 12/10, TCCO Students+ Night, Christmas Party
Sun. 12/21, TCCO Christmas Sunday
Tues. 12/30, TCCO Kids Connect Event, 10-11:30am



THE WAY BACK TO WONDER

The Tomb: When Silence Speaks

Travis Cherry



THE WAY BACK TO WONDER – WEEK 2

“The Tomb: When Silence Speaks”

11.16.25

_____ is not absence, and _____ is not wasted, when it is filled with _____.

Luke 23:50-56 — ⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Isaiah 53:9 — And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Silence is never the _____, it's the space where His unseen work _____ in us.

The Tomb Teaches Us:

1. God _____ in the _____

Psalms 27:14 — Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

John 12:24 — Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- Waiting is not _____ time. Waiting is _____ time.
- Waiting is the _____ of _____ when your prayers are met with silence.
- The hardest part of following Jesus isn't trusting His _____; it's trusting His _____.
- God's silence is not _____, it's _____.

Psalms 37:7a — Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

2. The _____ of God Is Not the _____ of God

Isaiah 45:15 — Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

- God's silence is often an _____ that His plan has already been set in _____.

3. We are Called to _____ in the _____

Hebrews 4:9-10 — ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

- Rest is not _____; rest is _____.
- When we choose to enter _____ rest, we are _____ the _____ to believe we could ever do it on our own; we break the _____ of _____.

4. Even in the _____ God Keeps His _____

2 Peter 3:9 — The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

- The tomb reminds us that _____ is not the same as _____.
- God may seem silent, but He is never _____. He is always _____, and He always keeps His _____!

Isaiah 55:8-9 — ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

There are things that can only be _____, strengthened, and _____ in us in the seasons of _____ and _____!

Philippians 1:6 — And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.