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## Relax

Make yourself at home & feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available at the sound booth in the back of the Worship Center.

## got Kids?

Envision Kidz @ 9am & 10:45am is a safe & fun experience for newborns - 5th grade. Middle & high school students will be challenged through Embark Student Ministry. Middle school service @ 9am & 10:45am in the Middle School Venue behind the church. High school service @ 9am & 10:45am in the High School Venue [see the map below].

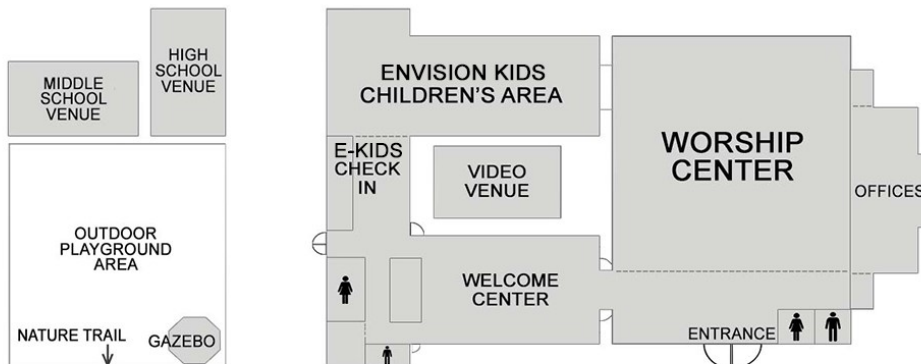
## Connect Card

Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found inside your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving, and drop the card in the offering bucket which will be passed around at the end of the service.

## Pick-up your free gift!

If today is your first visit to Emmanuel, swing by the table in the lobby located beneath the TV monitor and pick-up your free gift!

*Please silence all devices in preparation for worship.*



*Welcome!*  
*We're glad you're here!*

February 23, 2020

## Our Mission:

Emmanuel exists to give you the best opportunity to become a fully-developing follower of Jesus.

## Our Core Values:

- We Value Jesus
- We Value People
- We Value Generosity
- We Value Connection Groups
- We Value Growth
- We Value Service
- We Value Relevance
- We Value Unity & Diversity
- We Value Application of Scripture

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# CLOSER

## Hope for Hurting Families

Pastor Rick Hancock | February 23, 2020

Luke 15:11-32 NIV

### The Parable of the Lost Son

[AKA – The Parable of the Loving Parent]

#### Three Stages of Family Conflict:

- **Stage One – The \_\_\_\_\_ [vv. 11-16]**  
*Father, give me my share...*

##### WHAT CAN A PARENT DO?

1. You let them \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country...*
2. You let them make \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...and there squandered his wealth in wild living...*

*Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.*  
Proverbs 20:30 GNB

3. You let them \_\_\_\_\_ of their choices.  
*...after he had spent everything...and he began to be in need...*

- **Stage Two – The \_\_\_\_\_ [vv. 17-19]**  
*When he came to his senses...I will set out and go back to my father...*

##### WHAT CAN A PARENT DO?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for our children.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ them to God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for God to work.

- **Stage Three – The \_\_\_\_\_ [vv. 20-24]**  
*So, he got up and went to his father...his father saw him and was filled with compassion...*

##### WHAT CAN A PARENT DO?

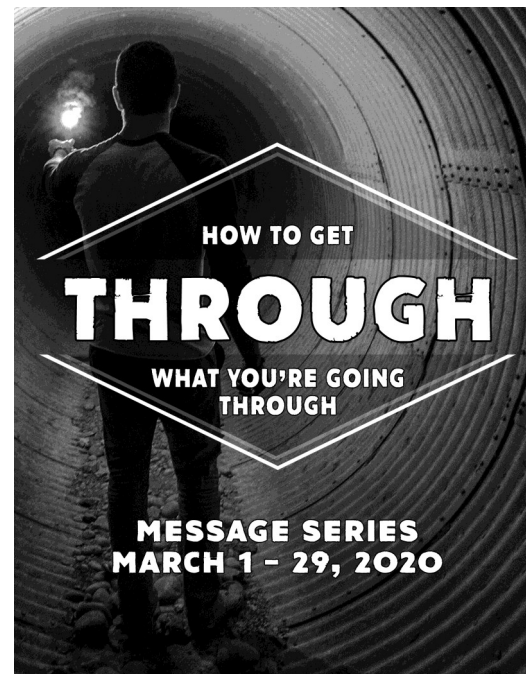
1. \_\_\_\_\_ them faithfully.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ them unconditionally.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ them completely.

##### Memory Verse:

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Proverbs 20:30 GNB

##### Next Steps:

- I will take the biblical steps necessary to resolve family conflict and restore hope to my home.
- I will pray for and encourage families who are hurting.
- I will register for a Connection Group for the Spring semester.



How to make it through the tough and tragic times of our lives...  
knowing God is with us and loves us still.