

HUNGRY FOR MORE!

Scripture used: [Psalm 34 \(MSG\)](#)

OVERVIEW

This is the final sermon of our “Hungry” series, and it marks the 5th anniversary of the founding of NBCC. And it is a very special week! Pastor Hurmon revealed that we signed a 10 year lease to a new campus: [the historic Trianon Theater](#) in San Jose, with an option to purchase the building! This means that toward the end of 2019, NBCC will have two campuses - one in Redwood City at our current location, and one in San Jose. Pastor Hurmon framed this week’s sermon using the story of miraculous expansion of our church. He was inspired by the Psalmist, who structures Chapter 34 so it moves from testimony to invitation. NBCC’s testimony is powerful! For five long years, God led us through many ups and downs. Our journey is one of faith, with many leaps where we had to trust God. And today is all about celebrating the miracle that is our amazing church, and this testimony should inspire us to [invite others to celebrate Easter with us on April 21st](#) and to consider other ways to be a part of all that God is doing through NBCC!

KEY POINTS

- 1) **We can learn many lessons from a journey of faith.** God is inviting all of us into relationship with Him. But He doesn’t promise that a life of following Jesus will be easy. In fact, we should expect our relationship with God to be exciting and challenging, rather than safe and easy.
 - a. **Be disappointed, but trust.** As Paul says in [II Corinthians 5:7 \(NIV\)](#), we have to learn to live by faith, not by sight. When NBCC started we had no permanent home, but we didn’t let that stop us!
 - b. **Be frustrated, but faithful.** Many Christians are afraid to share their true feelings with God. But consider [Psalm 34:5 \(MSG\)](#), where the Psalmist specifically tells us not to hide how we feel.
 - c. **God’s no’s are as important as His yes’s.** NBCC talked to many property owners and churches over the last 5 years. Several opportunities seemed to be God’s will, but those doors closed.
 - d. **A life of faith requires leaps of faith.** When NBCC needed to leave Mt. View, we knew it would be a difficult transition for our community. But when God opened the door to our current location in Redwood City, we believed that God would be faithful in providing for our church.
 - e. **Be wise, not reckless - let God do God!** Despite losing some people, the move to Redwood City allowed NBCC to grow dramatically on the upper Peninsula, in San Francisco, and other areas. We continue to be a truly regional church, and have maintained our incredible diversity. We just had to trust God!
- 2) **We can also learn many lessons from miracles.** There are several things we can only learn from God’s miraculous work in our lives and our community.
 - a. **They reveal God’s presence and power.** Reread [Psalm 34:6-8 \(MSG\)](#). Our eyes only need to be open to see the miracles of God at work all around us.
 - b. **They demonstrate God’s hunger for us.** He wants a much deeper relationship with each of us. We are all precious in His sight.
 - c. **They announce God’s invitation to all.** This new NBCC campus is not just another building. It’s an invitation to follow Jesus for tens of thousands of people all across the South Bay. We each need to do our part to accept God’s invitation, and to also share it with others!

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Do you think our church is a miracle? Discuss what makes our community so special, especially in the Bay Area. How does it feel to be a part of such a unique group of people?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Are you on a faith journey right now? If so, what is God’s purpose for your journey? Where is He asking you to take a leap of faith? And are you being honest with Him in your prayers about the frustrations along the way?
- 3) **DO** - Invite at least 3 people to one of [the Easter celebration services](#) (8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12:00 PM). If Dr. Rhonda Hamilton can take the step of faith to invite a Muslim friend to come (and she said yes!), then you can invite others to celebrate the story of Jesus, too! Also, if you aren’t already serving at NBCC, consider finding a place to serve, and allow God to work through you to be a blessing to others!