

# WELCOME

April 18, 2021

We're so glad you're here!

At Gateway, we believe in joining God to transform our lives and culture to reflect His heart by:

Loving God ● Loving Each Other ● Loving His World

## WEEKLY SERVICE & MEETINGS

COMPLETE LISTING AT [GATEWAYMERCED.ORG](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://www.gatewaymerced.org)
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### THURSDAY

- Prayer Nights Zoom // 6:30PM // [www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### DISCOVER GATEWAY // A PLACE TO BELONG

You're invited to a three week orientation called Discover Gateway, where you will discover who we are, what we believe and what it means to belong to Gateway Church. This is a great next step in finding the church family God has chosen for you. This class begins TODAY, between services, at 10:15-10:55 in Room A4&5. Hope to see you there.

### INSPIRE COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS // THIS FRI., APR. 23RD

#### KARAOKE, BOARD GAMES, AND PIZZA

Join us at 6:30PM in the Gateway Gym for food and friends and a great night to be together. Bring friends and gather together! Questions? Email Pastor Kevin at [kborges@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced.org)

### COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

### STUDENT CAMP FUNDRAISER // APRIL 30TH // 5-7PM

We are organizing a dinner pick-up fundraiser to help students with the cost to attend CIY Camp. As with years past, we will be offering Tom Scheidt's Rigatoni (contains meat) along with salad & rolls. Please go to: [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth) to pre-purchase your food. We appreciate your partnership in helping get our youth to camp!

### WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT AT GATEWAY // MAY 14 // 8AM-3PM

Join us for a one-day LIVE simulcast, at Gateway Community Church, on how to connect your faith and work from leadership experts such as John Maxwell, Louie Giglio, Jon Acuff, Dr. Henry Cloud and many more! Fee of \$50 (lunch provided)

### RIGHTNOW MEDIA // FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders. Choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos for children, and over 20,000 biblical videos just for you. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark *RightNow Media* or email [info@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:info@gatewaymerced.org).

### Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults

### Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me:  Text  Call  Email

SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM  
APRIL 18TH, 2021

# UNSHAKABLE

IN THE FACE OF...

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 4-18-2021

### FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

### QUICK REVIEW

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### \*OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

What was something that took you a long time to learn or become proficient in? How many times did you fail?

### SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: I John 1:5-10

### DIGGING DEEPER: 2 Samuel 11

This week, Pastor Mark spoke about having unshakable faith in the midst of failure. One of the most well known stories in the Bible of failure was David. Imagine being a neighbor of King David and seeing this story unfold: adultery, pregnancy, murder, cover-up, confession, death of the baby, then David marries Bathsheba and they conceive Solomon!

1. How would you feel if you knew someone who claimed to be a Christian and did what David had done?
2. Can you put into words the difficulty you may have in accepting and loving someone who failed this badly?
3. Is it difficult for you to believe that God would forgive you and use you again? Read over 1 John 1:9 together and discuss.
4. David confessed his sin(2 Samuel 12:13) and God forgave him although there were consequences. Sin has consequences and those consequences shouldn't stop us from serving God. How should we move forward in God's mercy, and have unshakable faith even through those consequences?
5. When you review your faith, despite your failures, what steps can you take (or are you taking) to live out your faith in the mercy and grace God has provided?

### APPLY IT TODAY

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

### Communication/Prayer Request Card

April 18, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I attend here often  I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_