

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

## #203 The Door Is Narrow But It's Wide Open

November 17, 2025

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

November 22 & 23, 2025

This is Amazing Grace

Welcome

How Can It Be

Reckless Love

Lord's Supper Thought

I Speak Jesus

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

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Part Two — Pastor Ed



### Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.

[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

#### → Shoebox Stuffing Sunday at 2

#### → Bible Study Wednesday

#### → Church decorating Saturday

#### → Angel Tree requests

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

#### Service Project(s) -

• **Operation Christmas Child.** Save the date for the Shoebox Stuffing Party, Sunday, November 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. See Abby for supply needs.

• **Angel Tree.** - Do you or someone you know need help this Christmas? See Janet.

• **Clothing Requests** - We have received numerous requests from members of our community for high-quality used clothing this Christmas. See board.

**Decorate the Church** - Join us to decorate the church for Christmas, Saturday, November 29th at 10am. No experience needed. Questions? See Ed.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

**Riverside Potluck** - January 11th, after the 2nd service. We'll bring the turkey - you bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. See Jon for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, December 13th, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



**Feed the Teens:** Sign up to make a meal or donate cash for pizza. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Monday, December 1st, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.



#### Thursday, December 4th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

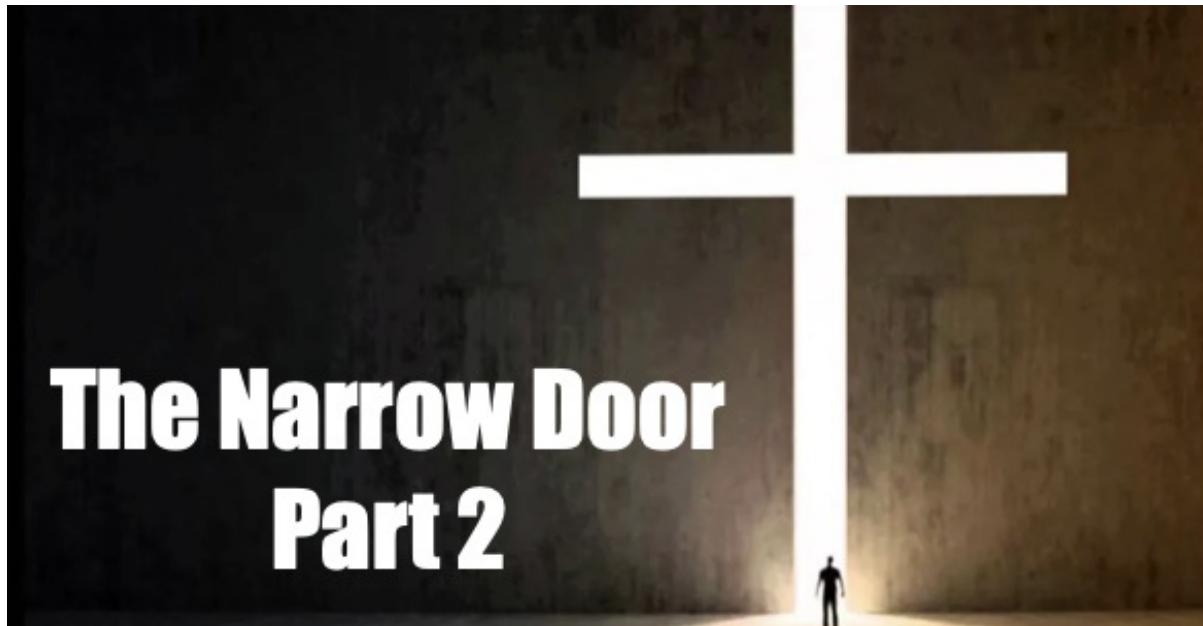
Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

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**The Narrow Door  
Part 2**



*Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he went, always pressing on toward Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied, "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail."*

—Luke 13:22-24 (NLT)

## What's The Deal With The Narrow Door?

### 1. It's Not Narrow Because God Is Stingy.

*\* He replied, "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail." When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'*

—Luke 13:25 (NLT)

- *So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.*

—1 Corinthians 13:3 (MSG)

- *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

—Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)

### 2. The Door Will Close One Day.

- *When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'But we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' And he will reply, 'I tell you, I don't know you*

*or where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil.' "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but you will be thrown out. And people will come from all over the world— from east and west, north and south— to take their places in the Kingdom of God. And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then."*

—Luke 13:26-30 (NLT)

- *It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.*

—Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

- *He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat.*

—1 Peter 3:18-20 (NLT)

### **3. Hell Is A Shadowy Subject.**

- *Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!*

—Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

- *And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness, and poisons every part of the body. And the tongue is set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.*

—James 3:6 (TLB)

- *Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone,*

*but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous... So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

—Romans 5:18-21 (NLT)

- *We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.*

—Romans 3:22 (NLT)

## Follow Through Step:

**Spend some time reflecting on what you believe about the concept of hell. Who goes there? What happens to them and for how long? And ask yourself why you believe what you do. If you'd like to do a deep dive into this subject watch the movie, Hell And Mr. Fudge (available on Amazon Prime Video) and/or read The Great Divorce by CS Lewis or Love Wins by Rob Bell to see how complex these questions really are.**