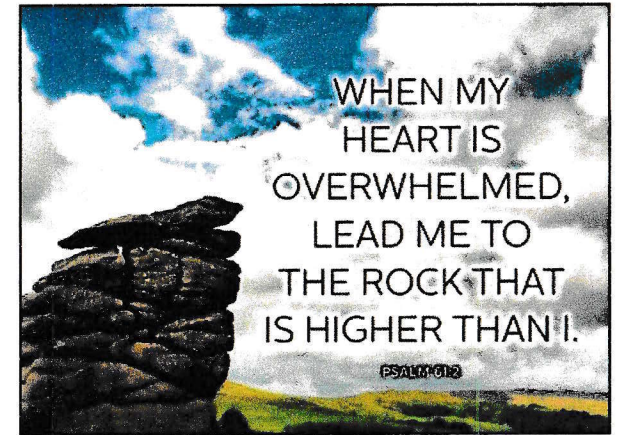




Pursuing God's Heart

Andrew Brunson

Notes:



The judge interrupted impatiently. "Are you almost done?" "One more minute, please!" I continued:

I have been given an assignment—to be imprisoned for the sake of Jesus. This is a very difficult thing, to be separated from my children, separated from my wife. It has been twenty-two months now. But I bear this assignment, for the sake of Jesus. And I declare—Blessed am I, because for the sake of Jesus many people have wronged me, have persecuted me, and I am now suffering. Blessed am I, because I have been forcibly separated from my wife and children. Blessed am I, because every kind of lie has been told about me, because every kind of slander has been said about me. Blessed am I, because I am in prison. I am kept in prison by force, I do not want to be there. But I choose willingly to suffer for the sake of Jesus, and by suffering for his sake I hope to display for everyone his incomparable worth. And I want Turkey to know—it is for his sake that I am here.

- Andrew Brunson, God's Hostage, p.210

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

August 25, 2024

Service for The Lord's Day

August 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

- Paul the Apostle (Acts 13:21-23)

We Gather as the Church, the People of God Here to Serve Him

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Greetings & Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

We Worship the Living God

Call to Worship: Psalm 61 (hymnal p.806)

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band
"The Lion and The Lamb"
"Hymn of Heaven"

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Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance
& Gloria Patri (#734)**

Time of Offering

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - Traditional
Hyeyoung Choi, cello; Kristie & Ryan Kwon, violins

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Hear God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation** [bulletin insert]
"You Are Worthy (Andrew's Song)"

Message: Pursuing God's Heart Andrew Brunson

We Depart to Join with Our God in His Redemptive Work

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn** "Be Still My Soul" #689

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

*indicates to stand if you are able

