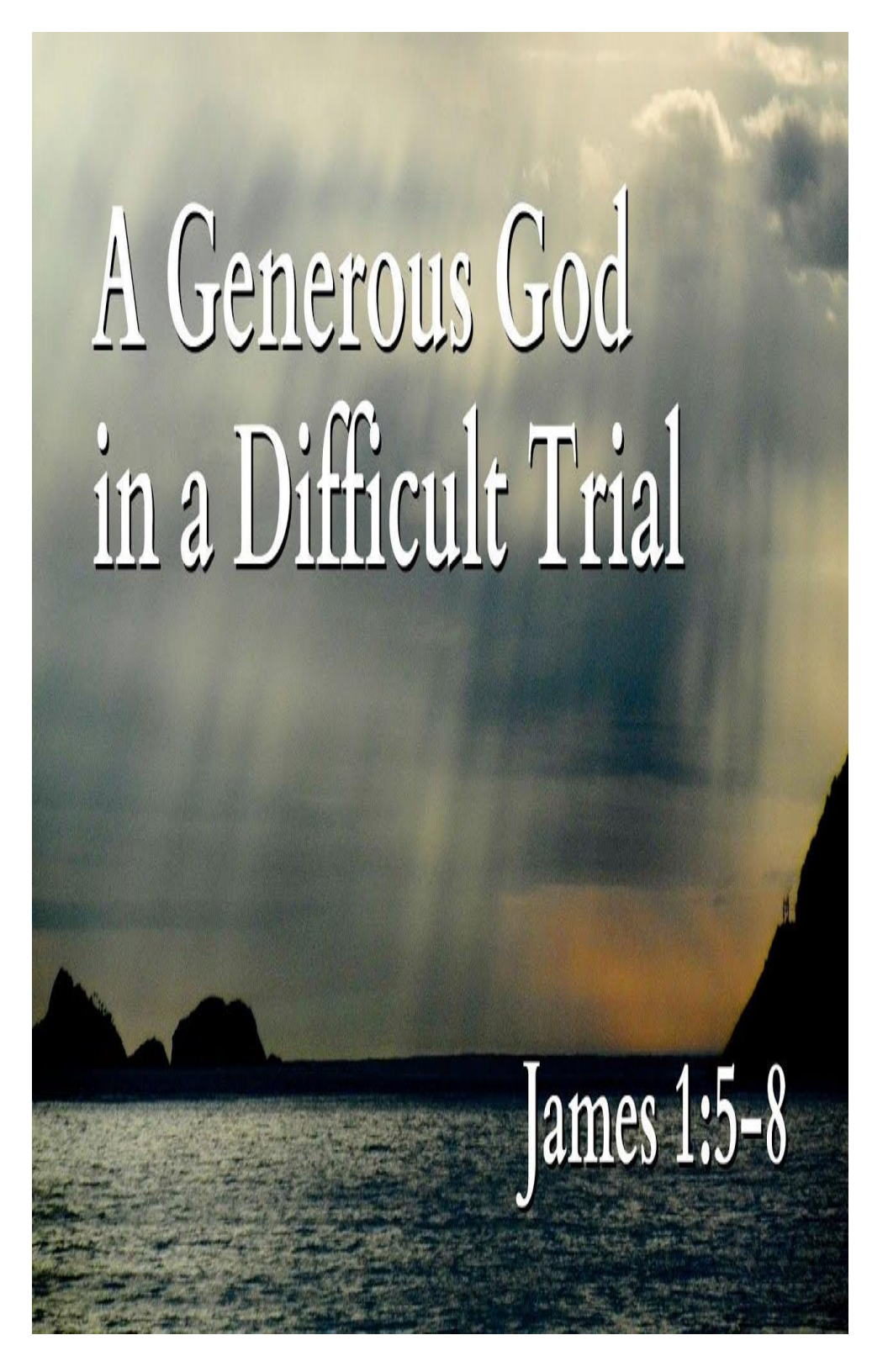


The background image is a dramatic seascape. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright, golden light breaking through near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sea is dark and choppy, with whitecaps visible. In the distance, there are dark, jagged rock formations or cliffs. The overall mood is one of difficulty and challenge, which aligns with the text about trials.

A Generous God in a Difficult Trial

James 1:5-8

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
August 16, 2026**

*First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in
being a thriving community church.*

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #31 "Great Is the Lord"

(the general and building & repair offerings will be received)

Praise Song "Christ Be Magnified" (video)

Children's Message & Song

Sermon Title: **"I Receive Because I Believe ... Not the
Other Way Around!"**

Scripture Text: **James 1:5-8** (pg 1880)

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song #38 "I Will Call upon the Lord"

Postlude



WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

TODAY – AUGUST 16, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

9:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Rod Bolkema & Alan Warntjes

AUDIO: Shauna Neuman

VIDEO: Cheyenne Neuman

POWERPOINT: Jeff Neuman

KITCHEN: Wanda Slykhuis

COOKIES: Shari Fedders & Ashley Bolkema

NURSERY: Marissa Mouw

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Aug 18 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Wed Aug 19 – Awana Volunteers Mtg 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 23, 2026

We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen!

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Sheryl Warntjes

Cookies – Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Shayla Schmith

Nursery – Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

Sermon Title: “I Receive because I Believe...Not the Other Way Around”

Scripture Text: James 1:5-8

One Big Idea: Job 28:28 NIV

And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

1) “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God”

*** SPOILER ALERT*** Genesis 3:6

2) “Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you”

- Moses = Deuteronomy 4:5-8
- Joshua = Deuteronomy 34:9
- Job = Job 28:12-28
- David = Psalm 37:30; 51:6
- Solomon = 2 Chronicles 1:1-12; Proverbs 1-9
- Jesus = Matthew 5-7

3) “But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

- “I receive because I believe.....not the other way around”

4) “That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

- “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

PRAYER AND PRAISE

On behalf of Love INC Sioux County we wanted to say THANK YOU for your generosity in helping with our Heart & Soles Ministry. We appreciate your church displaying the shoe/sock cut outs and all who donated items or gave financially.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! We are delighted you are joining us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship, please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee and fellowship. Adults are invited to meet in the room off of the sanctuary after the worship service to continue a discussion about the message.

An Awana Volunteer & Information Meeting will be held on Weds Aug 19th beginning at 6:30 pm in the church basement. **All** are encouraged to come and learn about Boyden Awana and some of the tweaks to the program that are planned for this coming year. **We are looking for volunteers – volunteer every week, every other week, one week a month, all night, an hour a night – you can also help in the nursery.** We are also looking for donations of mini-bottles of water, any games for kids K-8th grade, craft items, snacks for kids, items for the Awana store, etc. We will also accept monetary donations to purchase these items. If you have any questions, please talk with Kaitlyn Rosenboom, Marissa Mouw and/or Jeff Neuman.

46th Annual Fall Regional Conference for Bible League – Mon Sept 14 Dinner and Tue Sept 15 Conference at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, IA – Dinner begins Mon at 6 pm; \$25 fee. The conference on Tues is from 9:30 thru 2 pm. Fees are \$40 for the conference with lunch or \$30 for conference only. Featured are Gayle Haas as Corrie ten Boom; Bible League President Jos Snoep, Andrew Earnshaw, Romi Barcena & Jennifer Frens. You can register online at bibleleague.org/tickets. For more info contact Carla Kooiman at ckooiman49@icloud.com.

Bible verse for August – “The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17

More Announcements

SHARE Group for widows(ers) – Thur Aug 20th 11:30 am
Hull Pizza Ranch

Inspiration Hills – Registration is open for the Warrior Run – Sat Sept 12 – Register by August 28 and save \$10 & get a free event T-shirt! – Early bird pricing is \$25 for 5K Run and \$20 for 1 Mile Fun Run www.inspirationhills.com

Civil War Memories Tombstone Tour – Sat Sept 12, Hope Cemetery, Hull IA - \$15 donation requested to help programs – call 712-439-6770 for more info

Love INC Sioux County – Fall Love & Learn Classes – *Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Affirming Potential, Grief Share* and *Redemptive Compassion*

To begin a prayer chain – You can call Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366 or email tharms@frcboyden.com.

2026 Consistory Executive Committee

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Assistant Clerk – Alan Warntjes
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Assistant Treasurer – Adam Schafer
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Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer
Community Impact – Wendy De Jong & Nic Rosenboom
Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Marissa Mouw

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