# RENEWING THE COVENANT

John Wesley Covenant Renewal.

January 4, 2017

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

### John Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my quilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit— with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar. Psalm 51 (NLT)

#### **Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You, Praised for You or criticized for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your glory and service. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## **GRACE NEWS**

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunites, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.

**Please be praying** for a Worship Leader, Children's Ministry Leader and our launch teams!

**Sunday, January 8th at 9:41am.** MANDATORY Team Leader Training! We will be meeting on Sundays at 9:41 thereafter.

**Financial Peace University** – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, January 10th - March 7th In a local nine-week class, you'll learn Dave Ramsey's seven easy-to-follow Baby Steps to create a budget, get out of debt, and make a plan for your money!

January 15th at 9:41 and every Sunday thereafter – Be part of the launch team! Everyone welcome!

**Grace in Action, January 20 – 22**. During this weekend, you will experience and learn about how Grace Church builds healthy teams, establishes clear focus, develops fruitful strategies and structures and gets better at making disciples of Jesus. You will personally experience our recovery and compassion outreach ministries. Please plan to stay for the weekend.

#### Sprout Food Ministry Outreach and Community breakfast 2nd and 4th

Thursdays of the month in the parking lot. Free breakfast 8:30-9:45 Sprout truck 10-12pm. Join us for breakfast, to volunteer and/ or to pick up some supplemental food if you are in need.

## LET'S CONNECT

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 I said YES for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
I decided to RENEW my relationship with Jesus.
We have resources to help you with your decision.

## HAVES

If you have any gifts, talents, professional skills, or life experiences that you are willing to use to help others or to help grow Grace Church, please list here:

## NEEDS

If you are in need of prayer, a skilled professional, or simply someone to connect with who has been through a similar difficult life experience that you are currently facing, please describe need here:

To confidentially discuss haves or needs with the pastor, please call 941.966.3306 for an appointment.

## **SMART GIVING**

go to: egracechurch.com/give -ORtext any amount to: 941.200.1515

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.



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## **SCHEDULE**

#### University of the Holy Spirit:

Bible Study, Saturdays 11am-12:30pm

Grace Kidz: Saturdays, 11am-12:30pm

#### Acts 2:42 Weekly Gathering:

Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm

Wednesday Prayer: 12-1pm

#### **Sprout Food Ministry:**

2nd and 4th Thursday, 10-12 in the parking lot



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