

January 8, 2017

DEFYING
GRAVITY

MESSAGE NOTES

Defying Gravity | Part 1

Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." "I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?"
Matthew 19:16-20 (NLT)

How do I defy the gravitational pull of "more?"

1. Reject the Kingdom of _____.

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.
Matthew 19:21-22 (NLT)

2. Embrace the Kingdom of _____.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."
Matthew 19:23-26 (NLT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to worship this day!
P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.
L: They shall be given to you.
P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.
L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.
P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.

INVOCATION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. AMEN.

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Service Attended: _____

☐ 1st time ☐ 2nd time ☐ 3rd time

☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Church Member

☐ Male ☐ Female

Name(s): _____

☐ Single ☐ 18-23 ☐ 50's

☐ Married ☐ 24-29 ☐ 60+

☐ Divorced ☐ 30's

☐ Widowed ☐ 40's

☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Ph: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

☐ Please update my contact information

MY DECISION TODAY

- ☒ 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: _____

☐ Public Prayer List ☐ For Pastors Only

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GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

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2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Sunday School Sunday @ 10am

Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
<i>Last Week</i>	\$ n/a
<i>Needed YTD</i>	\$ n/a
<i>Received YTD</i>	\$ n/a
Weekly Attendance	
n/a	



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