

# LADDERS

*March 4-5, 2017*



# MESSAGE NOTES

Ladders | Part 1

Jesus warned them to keep it quiet, not to breathe a word of it to anyone. He then began explaining things to them: "It is necessary that the Son of Man proceed to an ordeal of suffering, be tried and found guilty by the elders, high priests, and religion scholars, be killed, and after three days rise up alive." He said this simply and clearly so they couldn't miss it. But Peter grabbed him in protest. Turning and seeing his disciples wavering, wondering what to believe, Jesus confronted Peter. "Peter, get out of my way! Satan, get lost! You have no idea how God works." Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Mark 8:30-37 (The Message)

## How do I grow increasingly less self-absorbed?

1. **Grow deeper** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?*

Philippians 2:1 (NLT)

2. **Grow deeper** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

Philippians 2:2-5 (NLT)

### "A Grace-Full Life" small groups forming.

Start your own or join one! See the table in the foyer to sign up and to get your book or leader's materials.

# GRACE NEWS

**Parking** – The parking lot in front of the Children and Youth building is now family parking to accommodate families with small children.

**New Fresh Expression** beginning in Suncoast for stay at home moms and their young children on Wednesday mornings. For info call Heather 574.7161 or make a note on your Let's Connect card.

**Steadfast Ministry** mentors to young men in prison. Training class will be 6-8PM, Monday March 6 in room 3.

**The Pantry** is in need of all staples, especially canned fruit, Hamburger Helper or other boxed meals.

**Easter Candy Donations Needed** - Looking for store-bought, individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring donations to table in the foyer.

**Discover Grace** – Find out who we are and where you fit. 11:30AM –12:45PM, Sunday, March 12. Register at [egracechurch.com/classes](http://egracechurch.com/classes).

**Prayer shawl group meeting** at 10AM on Tuesday, March 7 in Thrift Store coffee corner.

**JCE Outreach** is looking for Spanish speaking volunteers for the prayer team. Meets every 3rd Saturday morning of the month. For info call Heather 574.7161.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount to: **239.443.5901**

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



**Time for Grace** respite afternoon 2-4PM  
Tuesday, March 7 in room 5.

**Confirmation Info Parent Meeting** in the Youth Room 1PM, Sunday, March 12 for parents of 7th and 8th grade students interested in taking part in Confirmation. For info, call Taylor Brown. 574.7161.

**Nicaragua Mission Team** info meeting 1-3PM, March 12. Team now forming to go to Estelí August 14-21. For info call Mike at 410.8007 or [mike@resqrag.com](mailto:mike@resqrag.com).

**Rev Fest!** 6:30-8:15PM, March 22, for middle and high school students. There will be food trucks, inflatable games, prizes, and more! Invite your friends!

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am,  
Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

### Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm,  
Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

**Planet 45** (4th & 5th): Sunday at 10am

**Revolution** (Middle School + High School):  
Wednesday from 6:30-8:15pm

### Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday @ 6:25pm,  
Friday @ 6:45pm

## GIVING

| General Fund |            |
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| Last Week    | \$ 25,953  |
| Received YTD | \$ 282,801 |