

LADDERS

March 5, 2017



MESSAGE NOTES

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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)

GRACE NEWS

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

Welcome to Grace Church, Sarasota Campus’ 2nd Preview Service! Thank you for being here. We appreciate your friendly feedback to help us improve as we work towards weekly Sunday services.

Weekly Sunday services will begin on March 26th followed by a Grand Opening early fall.

Be part of the launch team! We meet every Sunday at 9:41am. Everyone welcome! BRING A FRIEND.

If you are interested in learning more about Grace Church, who we are, what we believe, please plan to stay after the March 26th service for our Discover class. Light refreshments will be provided.

April 14th, Good Friday we will be doing beach baptisms on Siesta Key Beach. Please call the office if you would like to be baptized.

Mission teams to Nicaragua (August 14 – 21) and Kenya (November 24 – December 3) are now forming and accepting applications.

Sprout – 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. Breakfast is served starting at 9:00. All Faiths Food Bank distribution starts at 10:00am. Volunteers welcome.

LET’S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: / / ☐ Male ☐ Female

☐ I would like to meet with the pastor.

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.

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