

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

God's Vision for Grace Church is to partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the Glory of God.

Celebrate Recovery - The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives, working along the road to recovery. Celebrate Recovery is for anyone with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup. Join us Monday nights, for Celebrate Recovery. BBQ 5:30, Large Group 6:45pm, small groups at 8pm. Childcare provided. This week we will have a Special guest testimony from Tenn, George Tifft.

Join us for Just like Jesus Service on Wednesday night at 6:30pm followed by a free community dinner.

Compassion Experience - This afternoon GC has a group of folks walking through the Compassion Experience. at 4:20pm at New Hope Presbyterian, 10051 Plantation Road, Fort Myers, FL 33966. Hope to see you there.

The Compassion Walk-a-thon is coming up soon March 11! All you have to do to change the world is walk, and get sponsors! All proceeds from the Walk goes to Compassion Intl, Everyone can do this, everyone! Pick up a flier in the hallway, register yourself online, and we'll walk together!

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

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount + "Central" to:

239.443.5901

(like this: 100 Central)

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



Grace Ft. Myers Men's Group will gather at Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m., in Room 1. All men are welcome to attend.

Movie Night. Join us Sat March 11th at 7pm for free movie, fellowship and popcorn, we will be watching the movie Priceless

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

(Free Community Dinner @ 7:30pm)

Sunday @ 10

Sunday @ 8:30am (Traditional)

(Free Breakfast from 8:30-10am)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Kids (Infant - 5th grade):

Wed. @ 6:30pm, Sunday @ 10am

Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Monday @ 6:45pm

(Childcare provided Infant-5th grade)

Recovery Meeting Schedule posted on Recovery wall

YOU COUNT

| General Fund | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Last Week | \$ 905 |
| Received YTD | \$ 10,802 |
| Weekly Attendance | |
| 196 | |

