

# LADDERS

*March 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)

# GRACE NEWS

## Community Dinner

Come out and join us on Thur evenings at 5pm for a free community dinner, games and fellowship, childcare is available.

## Choir Practice

Every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. See Alice if you are interested.

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

### Grace Kidz/Youth

Sunday School Sunday @10am

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

# 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:

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## GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

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

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

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



# CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

**P: There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.**

**L:** Let go of those things THAT chain you to despair.

**P: Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.**

**L:** Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.

**P: Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord. AMEN.**

## INVOCATION

Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, our home. AMEN.

## YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 371
Received YTD	\$ 2,608
Weekly Attendance	
110	