

THE EXCITING = CHURCH =

June 25, 2017

MESSAGE NOTES

The Exciting Church | Part 4

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18:9–14 (NIV)

What makes prayer exciting?

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

James 5:13–18 (NLT)

1. I will experience God's _____.

2. I will experience God's _____.

3. I will experience God's _____.

4. I will experience God's _____.

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.

Congratulations Joanna Pohopin on filling our part-time Children's Ministry position. Stop by the Gathering Place after the service to say hello.

This Friday - Men's and Women's Step Study, A Spiritual Journey for those who seek God's grace and healing from life events and experiences (hurts, habits or hang ups) – your journey toward lasting change and renewal. Starting on June 30th. Join us at 6:00 for hot dogs, meeting from 6:30 – 8:00.

Baptism - Please let us know if you are interested in being baptized or partnering with Grace Church. An informational meeting will be on July 9th after the service at 11:15am. Beach baptisms will be on July 16th, dinner at 6:00pm, baptisms at 7:00pm.

Men Making a Difference Small Group is meeting on Saturdays at 8:00am at the Vamo Starbucks, outside patio.

Women's Small Group meets in the Starting Point room on Mondays at 6pm.

Pastor's Bible Study - Tues mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail).

Acts 2:42 Gathering ('They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers') – Wednesday evenings, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by Bible Study. All are welcome!

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: / / ☐ 1st Time Visitor

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.

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 to: 941.200.1515

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



Prayer hour – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come to a quiet place to pray, pray over requests or if you are in need of prayer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Shoes of Hope – volunteer meeting on June 18th at 6:30 at the Cape Coral Campus. Shoes of hope will happen on July 29th at the Cape Coral and Shores Campus’ – we will carpool from this campus for both dates.

Join the Sprout Team! The 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. The breakfast team meets at 7:30 am to set up, cook breakfast, cleanup and build relationships with our neighbors. There is another team that meets at 9:00 am to help with food distribution and prayer for our neighbors.

Join the Sunday Morning Team! We need more people on various teams for Sunday morning – Parking, Children’s Ministry, Prayer, Band, Tech (light and sound) and Social Media. Come help us with weekly Sunday services.



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