

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the Glory of God.

## Three core values:

We are unashamedly God-centered!  
We are passionately people-focused!  
We are strategically team-based!

## The Strategy of Grace Church:

**REACH**- We reach people who are far from God

**CONNECT**- We connect people to God to others and other followers of Christ

**FORM**- We form people into the likeness of Christ

**SEND**- We send people into the world to reach people who need Jesus

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**Next Sunday** - Join us for lunch after the service to celebrate Children's Sunday and hear about a possible new ministry launching at the Trinity campus!

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## 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:

## 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.



## YOU COUNT

General Fund	
<i>Last Week</i>	\$505
<i>Received YTD</i>	\$ 6,959

