

MESSAGE NOTES

#CircleUp | Part 3

Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.

Proverbs 18:24 (NRSV)

What does it mean for Christ followers to be faithful friends?

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After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself.

1 Samuel 18:1-3 (NLT)

So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, saying, "May the Lord destroy all your enemies!" And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself...At last Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord's name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever."

Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the town.

1 Samuel 20:16-17, 42 (NLT)

2. They are	with one another
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Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

1 Samuel 18:4 (NLT)

O my dear brother Jonathan, I'm crushed by your death. Your friendship was a miracle-wonder, love far exceeding anything I've known—or ever hope to know.

2 Samuel 1:26 (The Message)

GRACE NEWS

Justice Weekend is coming! February 23-24. Middle and high school students are invited to a weekend at the Cape campus of exploring God's perspective and discovering how to respond to different issues surrounding social justice. Cost is \$15 per student for supplies and food. Info and registration at www.egracechurch.com/events.

The Dig Deeper small group meets Thursdays at 10 AM at the Boutique.

Missions Banquet - Florida-style barbeque, campfire, silent auction for youth mission team, and meet our global mission partners at Ft Myers Shores campus, Friday, February 9, 6:30-8 PM.

Global Missions Experience Saturday, February 10, 9 AM-1 PM. Join us for breakfast with missions partners followed by a time of prayer and worship with our missions partners, then breakout sessions. Childcare provided. Register at egracechurch.com/events.

Lee Memorial Blood Center will be at the Cape Coral campus on Sunday, January 28 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM to receive blood donations.

GRAND OPENING of the Fresh Expressions

Boutique - your upscale resale place. Please join us at noon on Monday, January 29th for a ribbon cutting and blessing. There will be refreshments and giveaways, plus daily specials for the week.

DivorceCare - Find healing in a safe place. New class starting Wednesday, January 31, from 6:30 - 8 PM. Participant workbook is \$15. Childcare available. Register at egracechurch.com/classes.

Food pantry ministry is in need of cereal, shelf-stable milk, canned fruit, juice, and crackers. Thank you for all of your donations! They can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.

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+							
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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 INFO	ORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount to: 239.443.5901

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





GriefShare - Find help and support in our GriefShare group starting Wednesday, January 24, from 6:30-8:30 PM. Participant workbook is \$15. Childcare available. Register at egracechurch.com/classes.

The Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day spiritual retreat. Looking for the "next step" in your spiritual growth? The next Walk for men is March 15-18, and The Walk for women is March 22-25. Details and application in the lobby at the Starting Point.

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am, Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Place (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm, Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am Planet 45 (4th & 5th): Sunday at 10am Revolution (Middle School + High School): Wednesday from 6:30-8:15pm

Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

GIVING

General Fund				
Last Week	\$ 36,055			
Received YTD	\$ 102,384			

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