

July 15, 2018



STORM PREP

— DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH —

MESSAGE NOTES

Storm Prep | Part 1

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Psalm 42:7 (NIV)

How do the inward disciplines help me grow deep as a Christ follower?

1. Meditation helps me _____ to God.

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2 (NIV)

2. Prayer helps me _____ to God.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35 (NIV)

3. Fasting helps me _____ on God.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Matthew 6:16-18 (NIV)

4. Study helps me _____ God.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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.

What's up with the 9:41? Why do the church bells chime at 9:41 every day? Why does church start at 9:41 on Sunday? Matthew 9:37-38 says 'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are praying for laborers and we are praying that God would equip us to be harvesters! Set your phone alarm and join us in praying at 9:41 every day for our community, and the (941) area code. Use the enclosed prayer card to pray scripturally.

University of the Holy Spirit – Starting July 29th 8:30 – 9:30 am, in the Starting Point room, Join us to discuss the Bible Reading of the day following the 'One Word' version of UHS. All are welcome!

VBS – This year Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 23 – 27, 5:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner included! Please register your child(ren) by indicating on your connect card, call the office or online at egracechurch.com/events.

Shoes of Hope is looking for donations for the Aug 11th event where we give new shoes and school supplies to children in need. The items needed are: Loose leaf notebook paper (college and wide rule), Pocket folders, Spiral notebooks, No. 2 pencils, Ball point pens (blue or black), 24 pack Crayola crayons, colored pencils, Children and Adult size socks. Please place in the collection bucket in the Lobby.

AED Training – If you are interested in learning how our AED works, join us July 22nd at 11:00 in the Gathering Place for a demonstration!

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: / / 1st Time Visitor

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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 + "Sarasota" to:

239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Sarasota)

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



Jesus was in a Small Group – There are many small groups to grow your relationship with Christ and others. Indicate on your Let's Connect Card or call the office to find one that meets needs.

We are planning another beach baptism! Please let the office know if you are interested in being baptized!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Pastor Bible study – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, meets in the Boat House.

Fishing Club – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Boat House - Learn from a speaker and 'hook-up' with fellow fisherman. Dinner available for \$5.00.

Step Up – AA meeting Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Gathering Place Meeting room.

Prayer hour – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come join us in praying for our church, our neighborhoods, the 941, & the nations. Come if you are in need of prayer.

Praise & Worship practice – Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 – Do you play an instrument or sing? Interested in behind the scene, lighting, sound, graphics? Come find out more about joining the Tech or Praise Team.

Sprout - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Community breakfast is served at 9:00am followed by food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 10:00 – 11:30.

Community Clothing Connection - Open the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30 am. Most items are only \$1.00

Christian Life & Witness – Thursdays, potluck at 6:00 pm, teaching 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Faith & Fellowship bible study – 9:00 am, Saturdays At the Potter's Park Pavilion. Coffee and donuts served during a Bible study – Church Can Happen Anywhere!



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