

July 22, 2018



STORM PREP

— DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH —

MESSAGE NOTES

Storm Prep | Part 2

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NIV)

How do the outward disciplines free me to grow deep as a Christ follower?

1. Simplicity frees me from _____.

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)

2. Solitude frees me from _____.

But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

Luke 5:15-16 (NLT)

3. Submission frees me from _____.

"And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."

John 13:14-15 (NLT)

4. Service frees me from _____.

When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:41-45 (NLT)

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. 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.

Last week of Christian Life and Witness – Thursday, July 26th is the last night. August 2nd will be a week off. Thursday potluck/class will start again on August 9th.

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.

Looking for 'cart pushers' – The 2nd Thursday of the month during the Sprout Food Distribution (approximately 10a-noon), we are looking for people to push grocery carts to cars. Please call the office or indicate on your connect card.

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.

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.



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!

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.



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