

*July 29, 2018*



# STORM PREP

— DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH —



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Storm Prep | Part 3

...train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (NLT)

### How can God use the corporate disciplines to transform me?

#### 1. I can experience \_\_\_\_\_ through confession.

*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.*

James 5:16 (NLT)

Who is "watching over" me in love? Who has the relational capital in my life such that I can confess my sin, pray with and be \_\_\_\_\_?

#### 2. I can experience \_\_\_\_\_ through worship.

*While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

Acts 13:2-3 (NLT)

How much more \_\_\_\_\_ am I to Jesus and his purposes for my life and our world because I have been in worship with God's people?

#### 3. I can experience \_\_\_\_\_ through guidance.

*Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently...*

Acts 15:2a (NLT)

*"...For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."*

Acts 15:28a (NLT)

Do I have a group of fellow Christ followers to whom I go for godly \_\_\_\_\_? If not, why not?

#### 4. I can experience \_\_\_\_\_ through celebration.

*Then the Jews stirred up the influential religious women and the leaders of the city, and they incited a mob against Paul and Barnabas and ran them out of town. So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 13:50-52 (NLT)

Am I experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ celebration with a group of Christ-followers? If not, why not?

# 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.

**Educator Appreciation Weekend** – On August 5, we will honor, pray and commission educators, staff, and administrators at public, private, and home schools. We will also have a special gift for you. If you have a friend who works with school children, invite them to church!

**Acts 2:42** - will resume on Thursdays, August 9th. Potluck at 6:00 pm with Bible Study from 6:30 h 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

**The University of the Holy Spirit**- Starting July 29 from 8:30- 9:30 am Every Sunday morning before service. Learn how to read the bible and hear from God through our University of the Holy Spirit devotional process. Informal, great for beginners and wherever you are in your faith journey.

**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.

## LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /     ☐ 1st Time Visitor

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Public Prayer List    ☐ For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://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.

## 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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