



CHARACTER

DEVELOPMENT

November 4, 2018

MESSAGE NOTES

Character Development | Part 1

These events happened in the days of King Xerxes, who reigned over 127 provinces stretching from India to Ethiopia. At that time Xerxes ruled his empire from his royal throne at the fortress of Susa. In the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. He invited all the military officers of Persia and Media as well as the princes and nobles of the provinces. The celebration lasted 180 days—a tremendous display of the opulent wealth of his empire and the pomp and splendor of his majesty.

Esther 1:1-4 (NLT)

Drinks were served in gold goblets of many designs, and there was an abundance of royal wine, reflecting the king's generosity. By edict of the king, no limits were placed on the drinking, for the king had instructed all his palace officials to serve each man as much as he wanted.

Esther 1:7-8 (NLT)

On the seventh day of the feast, when King Xerxes was in high spirits because of the wine, he told the seven eunuchs who attended him... to bring Queen Vashti to him with the royal crown on her head. He wanted the nobles and all the other men to gaze on her beauty, for she was a very beautiful woman. But when they conveyed the king's order to Queen Vashti, she refused to come. This made the king furious, and he burned with anger. He immediately consulted with his wise advisers, who knew all the Persian laws and customs, for he always asked their advice.

Esther 1:10-13 (NLT)

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

How can I avoid pride's destruction?

1. Admit _____.

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)

2. Submit _____.

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

1 Peter 5:6 (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. 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 prayer card available at the Info Desk to pray scripturally.

Costa Rica Short Term Mission Informational Meeting – TODAY, at 1:00 pm in the conference room. We will be partnering with our mission partners, Ray and Lidia Zirkle, for the purpose of building, VBS, and evangelism. Applications are available at the info desk in the lobby.

A Time for Grace, Brookdale now forming to take the Grace Church service to an Assisted Living facility. We are looking for all kinds of help, from greeters, to tech, to worship, no experience required. Sign up sheet at the Info Desk.

Yard Sale - December 1st, 8:00 am - noon There are spaces and/or tables available for you to sell your 'stuff'. Indicate on your connect card or call the office for more information or to reserve your spot.

Caring Meals - We are looking to provide meals for folks a couple of times a week. Are you willing to cook? Deliver? Stay and visit or have dinner with a hurting soul? Indicate on your connect card or call the office for more information.

Family Movie Night – Friday, November 30th, 7:00 pm, Free family friendly movie - popcorn and drinks provided.

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:

SMALL GROUPS

I want to join a small group.

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.



Parent's Night Out – Friday, December 14th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Drop of the kids and do some Christmas shopping or have a date night! Pizza and snacks provided.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Explore the Bible – Sundays, 8:30am – 9:30am in the Gathering Place.

Pastor Bible study – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, meets in the Gathering Place.

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

City Commit – Men's group, Wednesday mornings 6:30am-8:00am in the conference room.

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 in the Worship Center.

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.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – 2nd Saturday of the month, leaving from Vamo Drive Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak or call the office and we will bring one for you!



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