



*CHARACTER*

*DEVELOPMENT*

*November 3-4, 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

**Interested in joining Grace Church?** Learn what partnership means at Grace Church and become a partnering member! Sunday, November 11, from 12:45-4 PM. It is a 1-day class, with lunch and childcare included! Register at [egracechurch.com/classes](http://egracechurch.com/classes).

**Disciple I**, a 34 week Bible Study aimed at helping you to develop into a more faithful follower of Jesus, begins Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 PM in room 3. Mark "Disciple Class" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

**Grace Memory Café** – an informal social time for those with memory loss and their families. There will be games, conversation, and fun. Tuesday, November 5 from 2-4 PM at The Gathering Table.

**Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving** at Eat, Pray, Love to help prepare and serve food. See Heather Evans in the front lobby.

**Christmas Celebration** for the families at J. Colin English – Saturday, November 17 from 9-11 AM. Volunteers needed! If interested, contact Amy McGlynn at [amcglynn@egracechurch.com](mailto:amcglynn@egracechurch.com).

**Parenting Your Grandchild Group Forming** - A new support group is forming for grandparents who are the primary parental influence in their grandchild's life. If interested, contact Taylor Foley at [tfoley@egracechurch.com](mailto:tfoley@egracechurch.com).

**The Gathering Table Café & Consignment** – Starting November 5, we will be open Monday through Saturday 8 AM-4 PM! In November, all coffee drinks will be half price between 8-9 AM. We are located at 601 Del Prado Blvd N. in the North Cape Crossing Plaza. Donations are accepted during business hours.

**The Gathering Table is having a Fashion Show** at Anthony's on the Boulevard Saturday, November 10 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$15 and available at The Gathering Table or email Sherri Wambolt at [swambolt@egracechurch.com](mailto:swambolt@egracechurch.com).

# 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

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Single      18-23      50's  
 Married      24-29      60+  
 Divorced      30's  
 Widowed      40's  
 Middle School      High School      College

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please update my contact information*

## 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 to: **239.205.3123**

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



**Mission Team now forming for Costa Rica April 27-May 4** - We will be partnering with our mission partners, Ray and Lidia Zirkel, for the purpose of building, VBS, and evangelism. Contact Taylor King at [tking@egracechurch.com](mailto:tking@egracechurch.com) or CJ Hartsell at 815.450.0705. An informational meeting is Sunday, November 4, at 1 PM in room 3. Applications available in the front lobby.

**Outdoor Family Movie night** - Saturday, November 10, at 6:30 PM in the Children's Building parking lot. Bring the family, lawn chairs and join us for some fun as we watch Incredibles 2.

**Collecting holiday turkeys!** - Please bring in your donated turkey to church on Sundays or to the church office during the week.

## 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 6:30-8:30pm

### Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

## GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 27,070
Received YTD	\$ 1,319,285