



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)

God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

GRACE NEWS

Celebrate Recovery – Join us as we kick off the 5th year of Celebrate Recovery. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives, working along the road to recovery. Monday nights, Free Dinner at 6:00pm, Large Group 6:45pm, small groups at 8pm. Childcare provided. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday Worship - Join us! We will spend some time together for a worship and this week is a bible story at 6:30pm followed by our free community dinner after.

Mission Team now forming for Costa Rica April 27-May 4 - We will be partnering with our mission partners, Ray and Lidia Zirkle, for the purpose of building, VBS, and evangelism. For more information, contact Taylor King at tking@egracechurch.com or CJ Hartsell at 815.450.0705. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, November 4, at 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus in room 3. Come and learn how you can be part of this short-term mission team.

Free Movie Night! November 10th This month we will be showing the movie Forever my Girl. Join us at 7pm and enjoy the movie, hotdogs and popcorn.

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

Name(s): _____

- 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: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount + "Central" to:

239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Central)

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



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

(Free Community Dinner @ 7:30pm)

Sunday @ 8:30am Breakfast Church

Sunday @ 10am Contemporary Worship

Grace Kids (Infant - 5th grade)

Wed. @ 6:30pm,

Sunday @ 10

Youth (Middle and High Schoolers)

Monday @ 6:30

Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Monday @ 6:45pm

(Childcare provided Infant-5th grade)

Recovery Meeting Schedule posted on

Recovery wall

Church Office Hours

Office Hours:

Tuesday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 9am-12pm

Fresh Expressions Thrift Store

Thursday– Saturday 9:30am–2:30pm

239.671.1133

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 1,795
Received YTD	\$ 74,710
Weekly Attendance	
318	