



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

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-As you prepare your homes for Christmas celebrations, how about preparing your heart to celebrate the birth of a baby who forever changed the world! Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM starting this week we will begin a 4 session study and devotional titled Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado. Cost is \$6. Contact Jen Bunt at 239-789-9350.

DAIRY QUEEN SUNDAY- DQ Sunday is TODAY! It's a sweet way to support our Youth. The DQ gives a portion back to the Church and helps us provide ministry materials for our kids.

WORK DAY- Join with members of the church to work on a construction project on Saturday, November 17th. This is a great way to serve in local missions! Write "mission" on your Let's Connect Card.

TAILGATE CHILI EVENT- This will be a true tailgate party we will be backing our vehicles around each other and enjoy games, a bounce house and more! Do you have what it takes to win the "Best Chili" trophy at our tailgate chili cook-off and potluck? Get your secret recipe ready for Next Sunday after the 10 AM service!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- Don't forget to pick up a shoebox or two! Drop off dates are November 12th – 19th. For more information see the display in the Welcome Area or talk with Jacque Rippe at 239-694-0451. If you can help during drop off week, please sign up in the Welcome Area.

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 Partner
 Male Female

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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 + "Shores" to:

239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Shores)

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



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Place (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

PrE-Team (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

E-Team (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

TwEEN Team (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

Revolution (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

Recovery

AA Meeting: Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm (Office)

AA Men's Meeting: Monday 7 PM (Office)

AA Women's Meeting: Tuesday 7pm (Office)

NAR-Anon Meeting: Wed. 6:30pm (Family Rm)

AA Open Discussion: Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

AL Anon: Friday 12pm (Family Room)

AA Open Speaker: Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
53	137	282	472

GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 4,100