

March 10, 2019

STRANGER THINGS

A L E N T E N S E R I E S

MESSAGE NOTES

Stranger Things | Part 1

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31 (NLT)

*The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him,
"They have no more wine."*

John 2:3 (NLT)

How does believing in Jesus miraculously transform my empty life?

1. Jesus can give me an _____ new life.

Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water."

John 2:6-7a (NLT)

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:6 (NLT)

2. Jesus can give me a _____ new life.

When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions. When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

John 2:7b-10 (NLT)

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me."

John 15:4 (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.

Showers and hot meal for campers, Saturday, March 23rd, 11:00 – 2:00 here at Grace Church – Volunteer informational meeting at 11:00 in the Gathering Place. We are also looking for donations of personal care items and individually wrapped brown bag food items. Bring them over the next couple of weeks. There will be a collection box in the lobby.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – Saturday, March 9th, 9:41 am – Come enjoy God's creation. Leaving from Vamo Drive Park, bring your own kayak or call the office and we will bring one for you!

The Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day experience of spiritual renewal and formation. This retreat is designed to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus as God's grace and love is revealed to you. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others. The men's weekend is March 28th – April 3rd. The women's weekend is April 4th – 7th. For more information, indicate on your connect card or call the office. Applications are available at the info desk.

Fishing Club meeting, Tuesday, March 12th. Dinner at 6:30 followed by a speaker. We will be discussing an upcoming fishing tournament, kids' camp and possible trip to the Florida Keys.

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.



Beach baptisms and cookout - Good Friday, April 19 at Turtle Beach. If you are interested in being baptized or remembering your baptism please indicate on your connect card. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the cookout.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Exploring the Old Testament – Sundays, 8:15 – 9:30 am in the Gathering Place.

UHS ONE WORD – Sundays, 8:30 – 9:30 am in the Conference Room, read a chapter from one of the Gospels and choose just one word that stands out to you. Everyone welcome.

Pastor Bible study – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, 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.

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.

Sprout - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 9:00 – 10:30.

Community Clothing Connection - Open the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Most items are only \$1.00.

The Bible Story Plain and Simple, Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Starting Point room.

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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