

*March 24, 2019*

# STRANGER THINGS

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

*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)

*Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath...*

John 5:1-9 (NLT)

### What lies in my life does belief in Jesus overcome?

#### 1. My unhealthy religious \_\_\_\_\_.

*So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules.*

John 5:16 (NLT)

#### 2. My self-limiting life \_\_\_\_\_.

*But Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.”*

John 5:17 (NLT)

*So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.*

John 5:18 (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.***

**Charge Conference** – Tuesday, March 26 at 6 PM at the Cape Coral campus in the Connections Café, we will hold a brief meeting to address our Fort Myers Trinity campus.

**Kairos Prison Ministry Training** - Tuesday March 26th at 6:30 pm in Ft. Myers. We will carpool from the church leaving at 4:30 pm. If interested, please indicate on your connect card or call the office.

**Partnership Class** - Tuesday, April 2nd, 6:30 – 7:30 pm conference room. Curious about what it means to partner with Grace Church as we partner with God in transforming unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God? Join us and find out!

**Easter Volunteer Informational Meeting** – April 7th after the service (11:00) in the Gathering Place. We have a LOT of great events planned around Easter and need volunteers for a wide variety of tasks – there is a place for everyone! Come find out where you can help.

**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.

**Costa Rica Short Term Mission Trip** – TODAY IS THE LAST DAY! Applications are now being accepted ONLINE – if you are interested or have previously filled out a paper application, please go to <http://www.egracechurch.com/missions>.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /      1st Time Visitor

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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## SMALL GROUPS

I want to join a small group.

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount + "Sarasota" to:

**239.205.3123**

(like this: 100 Sarasota)

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# 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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