April 13-14, 2019

STRANGER THINGS

A LENTEN SERIES

MESSAGE NOTES

Stranger Things | Part 6

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)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

John 9:1 (NLT)

What can blind me from belief in Jesus?
1. The agonizing complexity of
"Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. John 9:2-3 (NLT)
2. The perplexing limitation of
Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinio among them. Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What' your opinion about this man who healed you?" The man replied, "I think he must be a prophet." John 9:16-17 (NLT)
3. The paralyzing control of
The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?" His parents

parents. They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?" His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why they said, "He is old enough. Ask him."

John 9:18-23 (NLT)

When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him." "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is
speaking to you!" "Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:35-38 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

FRESH EXPRESSIONS-Interested to learn more about Fresh Expressions of church for our everchanging culture? Join Pastor Heather on Sundays in May from 10:00-11:00 in the Connections Café for a discussion of Michael Beck's new book, "Deep Roots, Wild Branches." Cost for the book is \$15. Make a note on your Let's Connect Card if you plan to attend or contact Heather for more information. hevans@egracechurch.com.

Would you like to develop your prayer life and join Jesus as a minister of prayer while serving others? Prayer team forming now. Applications are due by April 24. egracechurch.com/prayer. Contact Taylor King at tking@egracechurch.com or see Jenn Kaufman for more info.

Post Abortion Counseling Education (PACE)

classes are forming. Learn how to walk in freedom, peace, and healing. Contact Susan R. at 565.4781 or jesusloves239@gmail.com. All communication is confidential.

Lamplighter Lunch- Open to all. Bring a dish to share and table service. Program is "Leaving a Legacy" by Elder Lawyer Amy McGarry. Wed April 17, at noon in the Connections Café.

Ladies - Do you need time away from your busy schedule? Join us, Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 AM-1 PM for the Annual Women's May Luncheon. We'll learn through worship, prayer, and teaching how to let The Storm Stopper, Jesus Christ, calm any storms in your life. Tickets \$10 and available before/after services in April. Questions, contact Cheryl Acevedo at cacevedo@comcast.net or call the church office 574.7161.

We Need Easter Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Drop off any candy donations at the table in the foyer or in the Family Center.

Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 20th. Bring your cameras, your kids and their Easter baskets. All the family fun begins in the Sanctuary at 10am.

LET'S **CONNECT**

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

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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 Pastor	rs Only
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I WOULD LIKE INF	ORMATION A	BOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

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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.





Chick Fil A Spirit Night –Join us Tues., April 30 from 5-8 pm at the Chick Fill A on Pine Island Road. Be sure to mention Grace Church when ordering and a portion of the proceeds will benefit our Grace Kidz.

Dirty Glory Class – Dirty Glory will ignite fresh passion in your soul, inspiring you to pray and equipping you to convey God's glory in a dirty world. The 7 week class, led by Taylor King, begins Tuesday, May 7 at 6 PM in Room 3. Register at egracechurch. com/classes.

Grief Group - Come and experience God's healing presence with others Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-4 PM at The Gathering Table or 6:30 -8 at EE. Contact Pastor Cindy at cjones@egracechurch.com.

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

Choose Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

GIVING

General Fund				
Last Week	\$ 37,436			
Received YTD	\$ 475,472			