

April 14, 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)

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 opinion among them. Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What's 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 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

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.

Easter at Grace Church – There are a LOT of events this coming week so check out the enclosed card and invite a friend! Tickets are still available for our Easter Sunrise Cruise. Text the word 'CRUISE' to 941-241-0188 for more information.

Miracles – On Easter Sunday we will be sharing Miracle stories. If you can testify to a miracle that God has done in your life, please write MIRACLE on your Connect card, or call the office by Friday, April 19th.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – Saturday, April 13th, 9:41am leaving from Vamo Drive Park. Bring your own kayak, call the office or text the word 'KAYAK' to 941-241-0188 and we'll bring one for you. Come enjoy God's creation.

Women's May luncheon – Saturday, May 4th, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Cape Coral Campus. We'll let The Storm Stopper, Jesus Christ, calm any storms in your life. Tickets are \$10.00, carpooling from the Sarasota Campus. For more information indicate on your Connect card or call the office.

Easter Egg Hunt - We will have over 800 eggs for kids to find on April 20th and we need all kinds of candy! There is a bin in the lobby for you to drop off your donation.

Come join the fun! Our growing church is looking for a Children's Ministry leader. This is a paid position with pay to be determined. Experience would be a blessing but not necessary. This person will oversee curriculum, volunteers and special events. The need is immediate. If interested please email the church at sarasota@egracechurch.com, call the office or indicate on your Let's Connect card.

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.



Creative Arts Team Now Forming – Are you a creative thinker? Like to write video or drama scripts? Can you dream up new and unique sets, t-shirts or costumes? If interested or for more information, indicate on your Connect card.

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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