

# LONG STORY SHORT

THE BIBLE IN SIX  
SIMPLE MOVEMENTS



*May 12, 2019*

### How is Israel's story my story?

#### 1. We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." So*

*Abram departed as the Lord had instructed...*

Genesis 12:1-4a (NLT)

#### 2. We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal.*

Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)

#### 3. We are a people of \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac.*

Genesis 21:1-3 (NLT)

*Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.*

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (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. 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.

**6 Week Bible Challenge** – During this sermon series, Long Story Short, we will be doing a broad overview of the Bible. We are encouraging you to Dive Deep into the bible yourself, One Word, One Sentence, or SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). There are several small groups available on various days and times so we can share this journey together. Jesus was in a small group! For more information, call the office or text 'DIVEDEEP' to 941-241-0188.

**Fishing Club** – Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 at SHELL BEACH. Join us for good food, fishing and fun as we meet this month at Shell Beach, N Shell Road, on Siesta Key. We will have fishing equipment available and bait provided!

**Shoes of Hope** – Saturday, August 3rd, 10am-1pm. This will be the second year that Grace Church will provide a backpack filled with school supplies, new tennis shoes and a bible to children in the 941 area. You can help by taking a crayon bank and returning it by June 16th with your spare change.

**Vacation Bible School** – Save the date! July 22 – 26th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

# 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**

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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**ALL are invited to join us for any of our regularly scheduled events!**

**Exploring the Old Testament** – Sundays, 8:15 – 9:30 am in the Gathering Place. This is a safe place to learn and explore the Bible. Ask questions. No preparation needed.

**Pastor Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, in the Gathering Place. We meet to read a portion of the Bible, then discuss what it meant then and how it applies to current times.

**Fishing Club** – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Shell Beach on Siesta Key! We will fish and 'hook up' with other fishermen. Fishing poles are available if you don't have one of your own. Dinner available.

**Prayer hour** – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come join us in praying for our church, our neighborhoods, the 941, & the nations or if you are in need of prayer.

**Sprout** - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 9:00 – 11:00.

**Community Clothing Connection** - Open the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month during food distribution from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Most items are only \$1.00.

**The Bible Plain and Simple**, Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Starting Point room. Join us as we walk through the Bible using a children's Bible.

**Grace on the Bay Kayaking** – 2nd Saturday of the month, leaving from Vamo Drive Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak, call the office or text 'KAYAK' to 941-241-0188 and we will bring one for you!



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