### Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation—you set the pace.

When you're ready for the next step, consider checking out an additional Sunday activity like Bible Fellowships or Community Groups, or a mid-week study that interests you. There are many great ways to connect with others in our church family each semester as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a Guide to Grace Church as you leave for more details!



### Did you know...

...you can register for many classes and events online at our website? Save time by signing up from your smartphone just look for the green "Register" buttons.

Watch this space for more features that make it easy to connect with us!

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## **Information**



If you are in the midst of grief and loss, or are supporting someone who is, we hope you'll join us for this Saturday morning seminar with author and counselor Gary Roe on August 5.



Everyone ages 12 and up can join in as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to cyclists in our community. Sign up in the Main Hall today!



We have a group traveling together to Arlington for a baseball game on the evening of Friday, August 11. If you'd like to join us, please see us in the Main Hall—today's the deadline!



Summer can be a great, laid-back time to get involved with a new group of friends in a small group setting. If you'd like to know how, get in touch with your life stage pastor (listed below).

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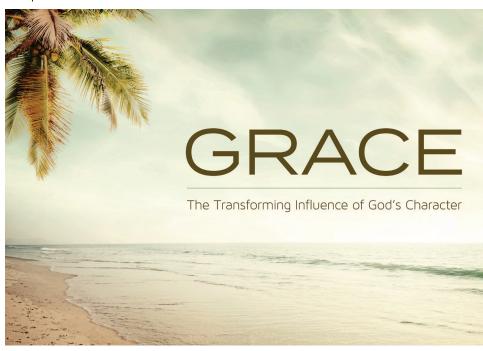
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Today we're continuing our summer study of grace, a concept rooted in the character of God and found throughout the Bible which shapes us as His people and informs who we are as a church family. We're glad you've joined us!

### **Elder Candidate Input**

The leadership team of Grace Church has met with Joe Cook and is prayerfully considering him joining the elder body. If you have any input regarding the matter of Joe becoming an elder, please contact one of the other elders in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Student Life Camp is This Week**

Please pray for the students and leaders listed below as they prepare to travel to Glorieta, New Mexico for a few days of fun, worship, and deepening relationships.

Haley Carnes Katherine Coyle Seth Deerinwater Riley Dunkerley Madie Duyck Azure Eddington Maddie Hooker Kate Inman Paige Inman Addi Jackson Cv Johnston Abby Jones **Emily Jones** 

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### This Week

#### Churchwide

#### **Worship Services**

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

#### Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

#### **Biblical & Topical Studies**

#### **How We Got the Bible**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206



#### God's Plan for Men in Marriage

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 209

#### **Samson Society**

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### Women

#### Cultivate

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft &

#### **Respectfully Yours**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 208 ≜

&: Childcare available by reservation

### College

#### **College Summer LateNight**

Tuesday, 7:00–9:00 PM at various homes

#### 4th & 5th Grade

#### **Monday Funday**

Monday, 6:00-8:00 PM in the Loft

#### 3rd-5th Grade Coyote Ranch

Wednesday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Coyote Ranch

\$10 covers pizza, swimming, and mini golf. Bring extra money to play Laser Tag.

#### Preschool-3rd Grade

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## This Morning

#### **Lesson 4: Demonstrating Grace to Ourselves**

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- Dealing with the barrier of not understanding what the Bible teaches: Sometimes we
  find it nearly impossible to demonstrate grace to ourselves because we're not sure what the
  Bible teaches on a specific subject.
- **II.** Dealing with the barrier of not understanding middle matters: On other occasions, we find it virtually impossible to demonstrate grace to ourselves because we don't understand the wide path of personal freedom that exists in middle matters—*Romans 14:1–6a*.
- **III.** Dealing with the barrier of not understanding our propensity to sin: Without a clear understanding and acceptance of the reality that all of us will at least occasionally sin, extending grace to ourselves becomes impossible—1 John 2:1.
- IV. Dealing with the barrier of not understanding how shame imprisons us: Without a basic understanding of how shame imprisons us, we will never be able to demonstrate grace to ourselves.

"Whereas guilt is a right or wrong judgment about your behavior, shame is a feeling about yourself. Guilt motivates you to want to correct or repair the error. In contrast, shame is an intense global feeling of inadequacy, inferiority, or self-loathing. You want to hide or disappear. In front of others, you feel exposed and humiliated, as if they can see your flaws. The worst part of it is a profound sense of separation—from yourself and from others. It's disintegrating, meaning that you lose touch with all the other parts of yourself, and you also feel disconnected from everyone else"—Darlene Lancer.

- V. Dealing with the barrier of not understanding the issue at the Judgment Seat of Christ: It becomes a constant struggle to demonstrate grace to ourselves when we fail to accept that faithfulness is the issue at the Bema of Christ—1 Corinthians 4:2–5.
- VI. Dealing with the barrier of not understanding the process of becoming a joint-heir with Christ: The ability to demonstrate grace to ourselves is greatly diminished by misunderstanding what is involved in the process of being brought to glory as a co-heir with Jesus Christ—Hebrews 2:10; Luke 22:31–32.
- **VII.** Strategizing how to demonstrate grace to ourselves: There are at least three ways to demonstrate God's grace to ourselves.
  - **A.** When we falter and even fall down, let's get back up and get into it again.
  - **B.** When we fall down, let's not always go back to the beginning and start over, but resume where we fell.
  - **C.** When we fall, let's not isolate ourselves, but get with others and experience their grace.

## Note:
