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.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

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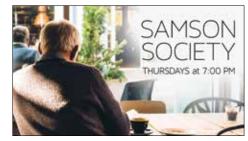
We hope you'll take part in this annual family opportunity to bless our community with meals for Thanksgiving. Get details and a bag to fill in the Main Hall this morning!



Ladies, join us as we make banners to decorate our mantels for Thanksgiving! Bring \$3 for supplies—snacks and coffee provided! Please sign up this morning if you'll be joining us.



Watch for details next week about Operation Christmas Child, an annual effort by Samaritan's Purse to provide much-needed gifts and joy to children around the world.



Guys—this ongoing fellowship of men who are serious about authenticity, community, and restoration meets weekly throughout the year. Join the conversation at any time.

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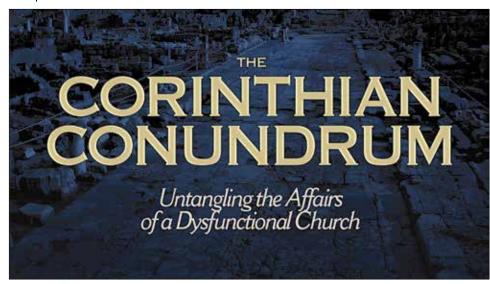
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This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at gracechurch.com/podcast.

Updates and Family Matters

Thanksgiving Outreach

For most of us, it's a familiar sight to see our families gather together at Thanksgiving, enjoy a meal, and celebrate God's many blessings. But for some in Wichita Falls, the story is quite different—hundreds are threatened with hunger every day. This year's Thanksgiving Outreach is a great opportunity for your family to show the love of Christ to those in need.

First, sign up in the Main Hall this morning. You'll receive a bag which includes a small shopping list of items needed for a simple Thanksgiving dinner. Fill the bag with the items on the list and return it to the church building by Monday, November 16.

Then, on Saturday, November 21, join us as we distribute the filled bags throughout our community. Your entire family can participate as you drive up, receive a filled bag along with the name and address of someone in need, then deliver it to their home.

If you are able to provide a meal but not deliver on November 21, that's OK too! Visit us in the Main Hall this morning for details.

Family Matters

Please pray for Kerri and Tim Short as they grieve the loss of his father, and for Pat Eby as she grieves the loss of her husband David.

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

Small Groups

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft

Adult Studies

The Book of Matthew

Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 AM in the Dining Room

The Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

Men

Solid Answers to Serious Ouestions

Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 AM or 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Friday Morning Study

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Women

Thanksgiving Craft

Monday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Dining Room

Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

Breath

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in Room 111

Senior High

The Arc

Tuesday, 6:30-730 PM at the Lamar Baptist

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

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Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

Pine Cove Weekend

Friday–Sunday in Tyler, TX

Children

Kids' Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Children's Area

College & Career

Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Young Adults

Fall Social

Friday, 6:00-8:00 PM at 2410 Clayton

This Morning

Lesson 28: Necessary Guidelines—1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I.** Facilitating the use of spiritual gifts: The meeting of the church should facilitate the use of spiritual gifts and talents in order to build up other believers—1 Corinthians 14:26.
- **II. Guidelines for the use of spiritual gifts:** Glossolalia and prophecy were to be used in a prescribed manner to preserve order when the church met together—

 1 Corinthians 14:27–33a.
 - **A.** A maximum of three utterances of glossolalia, followed by an interpretation by one person, were permitted whenever the church gathered together—

 1 Corinthians 14:27–28.
 - **B.** A maximum of three prophetic utterances were permitted when the church was gathered together, and each was to be scrutinized by someone with the gift of discernment—

 1 Corinthians 14:29–32.
 - **C.** The necessity of regulating the use of spiritual gifts when the church gathers together is based on the integrated order within the character of God—1 Corinthians 14:33a.
- **III. Guidelines for women in meetings of the church:** Women are not to assume a position of spiritual authority over the entire congregation when the church meets together—

 1 Corinthians 14:33b-35.
 - **A.** Women are to follow the Savior's mandate and general teaching of Torah by refraining from the use of their speaking gifts in church-wide worship services—

 1 Corinthians 14:33b-34.

The silence is not absolute for at least three biblical reasons:

- 1. Contextually, the silence concerns the exercise of tongues and prophecy.
- 2. Colossians 3:16 would exclude "singing" with its pre-approved content.
- 3. Ephesians 5:19–20 would exclude "giving thanks" or sharing.
- **B.** Women are prohibited from initiating dialogue in worship services as a form of teaching and instead grow by dialoguing in their homes—1 Corinthians 14:35.
- **IV.** Guidelines for our opinions about the ordering of church-wide meetings: We're called to acknowledge that the legitimate guidelines for church-wide services rightfully come from the risen Savior—1 Corinthians 14:36–40.
 - **A.** Biblical prescriptions are applicable to all of us—1 Corinthians 14:36.
 - **B.** Anyone with any degree of spiritual maturity should easily be able to conclude that the apostolic guidelines for the church come directly from God—1 Corinthians 14:37.
 - **C.** Anyone who disregards Christ's mandated guidelines for His church will be left alone to follow his own preconceived ideas about how the church should operate—

 1 Corinthians 14:38.
 - **D.** The exercise of all the spiritual gifts, and especially prophecy and glossolalia, is to be encouraged and facilitated in an orderly manner—1 Corinthians 14:39–40.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- 1. In this passage, Paul is outlining some rules and structure for the use of tongues and prophetic utterances. What do you think a Grace Church service would look like without planning or structure? What would you take away from a service like that?
- 2. When you think of rules or boundaries as they pertain to a Christian context such as Grace Church, what kind of emotions does that stir? How do you feel about such rules?
- 3. When are limited options a bad thing? Give an example of when you had limited options and it was a bad thing. When are limited options a good thing? Give an example of when having limited options is a good thing.
- 4. According to this passage, why did God impose guidelines and limitations for tongues and prophetic utterances? What would a service without these specific guidelines look like?
- 5. Discuss how the Bible describes God's view of women, and how He values them in comparison to men. How does this specific passage work in harmony with how the rest of Scripture describes God's view and value of women?
- **6.** Why would God give instruction for specific guidelines for women? What might be His purpose for those rules?