



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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*We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.*

**This is an
exposition on
Abraham & Co.
The title of
this exposition is
Messy Discipleship.**

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

9:00am & 10:30am

"It's Been 2,000 Years and
God Still Can't Remember
Your Sins"

Genesis 18:16-21

https://youtube.com/live/Wz8nzlwTn_o

I will be
merciful
to their
iniquities

and I will
remember
their sins
no more
Hebrews 8:12

Faith

Over the past several weeks I have been reading and thinking about faith as presented in Scriptures. It is a very rewarding process. I recommend it to you. Just search for words like faith. I also stumbled(?) on a connection between faith and hope and waiting. They are really quite similar. To get you started, let me suggest a few verses.

First, start with the Biblical definition of faith found in Hebrews 1:1, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith has to do with things you can't see with your physical eyes.

Then I noticed in Romans 8:23-25, "And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience." Note the similar concept regarding things you can't see. It seems the Biblical kind of faith, hope and waiting are very similar.

All of these have delayed gratification, they don't involve immediate reward. As a result, they are difficult and feel painful to us. So I noticed some verses that seem to help us understand some of the why of this. Hebrews 11: 6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God – faith is a way to please God. Also note I Peter 1:7, which says that "the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of your souls." This is a reason to endure even when waiting and faith is difficult.

So think on these things to encourage your faith this week.

Mike Jones

BAND OF BROTHERS

MEN'S MINISTRY

CAMPOUT - Correale Ranch

68343 Jolon Road, Lockwood, CA

April 26-27, 2024

Rustic, pack in, pack out,
hang out, guy trip

Open to all men and their boys

More info and *sign-up forms* on the
Men's Ministry board near the
Grace Café



*Save the
Date
May 11th
Ladies Tea
Ages 12+*

Watch for more information in the
coming weeks.

*Update: Women's Retreat
originally planned for May 3-5th has
been postponed.*



Come enjoy our new
fellowship lounge in
Room 505.

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Announcements

BABY SHOWER for Ashley Anzalone! All women of Grace are invited to celebrate Ashley's **baby girl** due in May. Saturday, April 20th at 10:30am in Grace Hall. Come enjoy a light brunch and fellowship. Gifts are not necessary, but diapers are always welcome!

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR CHURCH APP?

To load our church app, search for *Church by Ministry One* in the App Store—it's free. You can sign-up for events, send a note to the church office, or give your offering.

The Bulletin and Newsletter are available through our website at www.gracesantamaria.org.

SUNDAYS AT GRACE

9:00

Gary Barron- Room 706
(in the Education Building)

10:30

Kurt Mason- Room 108
Kevin Baldizon- Grace Hall

Sermon Discussion w/Russ Lycan &
Carl Hathaway- Room 706

Come join a Sunday School class and
experience Gospel community!

GRACE SANTA MARIA FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we have a FB page? Look us up at Grace, Santa Maria and join the group. It's a great way to stay connected.

Prayer
Changes
Things

Prayer@gracesantamaria.org



Awana Clubs
Cubbies
Sparks
Twin & Training

FAMILY FOOD FOLLIES
Beverage, salad, and 2 slices
of pizza for only \$1.

Wednesday, April 17th

Meet in the gym for dinner at
5:20pm, before AWANA



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MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE
May 10th @ 6pm
Back Lot BBQ



The CHOSEN
Sunday @
6pm
Ed Building

Prayer @ 5:30pm