

**February 29, 2004**

**Good morning!**

**If you are new to Grace**, we extend a special welcome. Relax. Don't feel any obligation to give monetarily...you are our guest!

**Grace Community** is a new kind of church focused on finding. Finding God. Finding hope and truth. Finding forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Finding relationships and personal growth in an open creative church.

**The emphasis** at Grace is twofold: be a church home for non-churched people and provide Christ followers a rich environment for spiritual growth.

**The pastor's name is Dave**. You can reach him at the church (373-1271) or online at [dave@findinggrace.com](mailto:dave@findinggrace.com).

**The audio** of today's message is available online (findinggrace.com) or at the information table in the lobby.

*Our mission is to **experience** the grace of God in our lives  
and to **extend** the grace of God to our community.*

**This week at Grace:**

**Grace Midweek** is this Wednesday at 7pm. We will celebrate communion and be led by teaching from the video series by Dr. Ray Vander Laan. All are welcome.

**Small Group Leaders** and apprentices meeting this Wednesday, 6-6:45pm here at Grace.

**The Passion of the Christ** opened last Wednesday, February 25. This is an incredible movie with tremendous outreach opportunity. There will be a table in the lobby at the Beverly Cinemas with follow-up materials for those who have questions or want more information. Grace is providing volunteers to staff the outreach table all day on Tuesday, March 2. If you would like to help, sign up today in the lobby or contact Bill Glick (390-9204 or [bill@glick.com](mailto:bill@glick.com)). To find out more about the movie, visit [www.thepassionofthechrist.com](http://www.thepassionofthechrist.com)

**Coming up at Grace:**

**\*Parenting: Understanding How God Made Your Family to Fit Together**, Thursday, March 25, 6:30-8p (in partnership with Focus on the Family's Young Families) Best-selling author John Trent helps parents understand the unique personalities of each family member. In addition, parents will discover a plan of action for building healthier relationships within the family based on these individual personalities. Childcare will be provided.

\*This event is a live video presentation from Church Communication Network. For more info go to [CCNOnline.com](http://CCNOnline.com).

**"Stepping Forward in 2004"** – The total per month increase in giving for 2004 from Stepping Forward is \$1,190. This is 47% of our goal of \$2,500 per month.

**Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:**

**Monday** Romans 12:9-21

**Thursday** Psalm 85

**Sunday** Psalm 87

**Tuesday** Zechariah 1

**Friday** Zechariah 3

**Wednesday** Zechariah 2

**Saturday** Zechariah 4

# Formed for God's Family

## "The Building Blocks"

(Based on day 18 of "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, 2002 Zondervan)

### Introduction:

*I am writing these things to you ... [so] you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God...* 1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NVC)

"Koinonia" is deep Christian fellowship.

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*  
Romans 12:9-16 (NIV)

### Building Block #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Hypocrits – they wore masks.

*"...the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are."*  
Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

### Building Block #2: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone."*  
Titus 3:2 (GW)

### Building Block #3: \_\_\_\_\_

*"If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble."*  
Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

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### Building Block #4: \_\_\_\_\_

*"They worshipped together regularly at the temple each day, (daily) met in small groups in homes for communion, and shared their meals with great joy..."*  
Acts 2:46 (TLB)

### Building Block #5: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church... be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."*  
1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."* James 4:6b (NIV)

The four hardest words to say: " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

The three hardest words to say: " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

The two hardest words to say: " \_\_\_\_\_ ."