

May 16, 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.*

**Copies of "The Purpose Driven Life"** are on sale at the info table.

**The intro classes at Grace** (101 and 102) are coming up, Sunday, May 23 (1-3pm). If you have an interest, please mark "101/102" on your connection card.

**Youth Activities this week: Tonight:** Sunday Nite Live (SNL) for Senior High students is at Grace Mahomet tonight. Join in at 6:30 for a special end of year program with SNL director, Mike Roberts. **Wednesday:** Wednesday Nite Life (WNL) is a food, fun and program for Junior High students at 6pm at Grace Mahomet. Bring \$2 for food.

**Summer Activities for K-5: Swim night** at Sholem Pool 7:30-8:30pm on June 13. Pool, slide, food and lots of fun. **Movie matinee** at the Grace Mahomet gym, 1:30-4pm, August 2.

**Extreme Makeover, Church Edition** is coming to Grace Community this morning and in the next 7 days, this place will get an extreme makeover! Everyone of us is needed for this extreme project aimed at upgrading this great facility, meeting code requirements and raising funds needed for refinancing. Starting today at the end of the service, people, tools and money are needed everyday to see this project through. You are invited to get your hat on and help!

**Women's Connection** Bunco or Bust!! Wednesday, May 26th 7-9pm at Grace. Enjoy a girly night, playing Bunco and eating popcorn. Write "Bunco" on your connections card if your planning on attending. Feel free to bring friends! We hope to see you there!

**Are you in need of using the Grace building?** You can reserve it by contacting Ann Kirkland by phone 373-1271 from 1:15-2:30 during the week or emailing her at [akirkland@findinggrace.com](mailto:akirkland@findinggrace.com). The facility use will be first come first served with priority given to regularly scheduled events.

**Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:**

**Monday** Psalm 111

**Thursday** | John 1:1-10

**Sunday** Psalm 123

**Tuesday** James 1:2-18

**Friday** | John 2:1-16

**Wednesday** James 1:19-27

**Saturday** | Corinthians 10:1-13

# Created to Become Like Christ

## "The Lure of Temptation"

(Based on day 26 & 27 of "The Purpose Driven Life" \*)

*Today's Scripture: James 1:2-18 (NIV)*

- <sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,  
<sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.  
<sup>4</sup>Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.  
<sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.  
<sup>6</sup>But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.  
<sup>7</sup>That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;  
<sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.  
<sup>9</sup>The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.  
<sup>10</sup>But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.  
<sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.  
<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.  
<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;  
<sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.  
<sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.  
<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.  
<sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.  
<sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**There is always a way out.**