

August 1, 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.

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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.*

Summer Activities for K-5: Movie matinee at the Grace Mahomet gym, 1:30-4pm, August 2. \$1 per person.

See "The Hiding Place". The complete film will be shown this afternoon here at Grace at 2 pm and all are welcome.

Grace Midweek is coming up Wednesday, August 18th at 7 pm. All are welcome to join in communion and an information and Questions/Answer session related to the new collaboration with Grace Mahomet.

Next Sunday: Sunday Morning Grace moves from **10:30 to 10:45**.

God has used a lot of "Average Joes" to do incredible things. Next week we start the "Average Joe" series, an overview of several normal people from the Bible who made a difference in the kingdom. Remember, it starts at 10:45!

Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:

Monday Matthew 18:1-14

Thursday Romans 8:18-39

Sunday I Cor 15:35-58

Tuesday Matthew 18:15-35

Friday I Cor 15:1-11

Wednesday Romans 8:-17

Saturday I Cor 15:11-34

The Hiding Place

- Romans 8:35-37 (NIV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NIV)

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

- 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (NIV)

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.