

SERMON NOTES

Blessed

Matthew 5:3-12 & Ephesians 1:3

The New Testament concept of being " _____" goes _____ than mere comfort, health, or material prosperity in this life.

"Blessed" in the New Testament is having _____ that comes from a right _____ with God—often experienced most fully in _____ and _____.

According to the New Testament, I am truly blessed when...

1. I remain _____ even in the midst of _____ and _____,

knowing my reward is secure in heaven.

2. I move beyond just hearing the Word to _____ it through _____ and _____.

3. I shift my focus away from _____ circumstances and fix my heart on my _____ and the return of Jesus.

4. I trust in God's _____ and live by _____.

STAY CONNECTED

Guests: You are invited to stop by one of our Welcome Centers located by the Main Entrance OR by the Grace Land Entrance! We want to give you a personal welcome, a gift and thank you for coming to Grace today.



We would like to get to know you a little better!
Please scan and fill out our contact card!

Connections: If you have any questions about Grace or sign-ups, make sure you visit Connections located in the lobby adjacent to the Coffee Bar.

Sermon Notes: Fill-in-the-blank sermon notes are inside your bulletin. You can also access them, along with the scriptures for today's message, through the Bible App ("Events" and "Grace Fellowship").



Please scan the QR Code to access our Sermon Notes on the Bible App

Prayer Requests: Go to our website, click on "Prayer Requests" at the top of the Home Page and let us know how our staff and Prayer Team can pray for you! Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Giving Options: In addition to the Offering Boxes located in the lobby and auditorium, you can give your offering by visiting our website and clicking on the "Give" link at the top of the Home page. You will then go to Give Online and click on "Give HERE".

Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Stay Connected: Stay up to date with what's happening here at Grace through:

- **Facebook** – Like and Follow our page: facebook.com/gracefellowshipatmore
- **Email** – sent out weekly on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Email gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com if you are not receiving these weekly emails!
- **Website** – www.gracefellowshipatmore.com
- **Text** – Text "GFCONNECT" TO 94000



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Get to know Grace Fellowship!

Our Purpose - Know God. Follow Jesus. Love People.

Our Offering - We don't take a public offering. Rather, we have "Offering Boxes" located in the lobby and the back of the auditorium for tithes and offerings. Offering envelopes are available beside the "Offering Boxes" for those who would like a receipt for cash contributions. We trust that God will meet our financial needs through those who call Grace their church home.



To Give Online -
please scan the QR code.

Our Children's Ministry - Grace Land is where we communicate God's love and truth in a dynamic way that kids are able to understand. Classes for birth through 5th Grade begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are new to Grace, please go to the Grace Land check-in counter so that we can meet with you briefly to get important information about your child's needs and preferences.

KIC (Kids In Christ): 6th grade (11 years old) - 8th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Ignite Student Ministries: 9th grade (14 years old) - 12th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

 Groups provide a positive opportunity to build relationships with other Christians and to grow spiritually. If you have questions, need more information, or would like to connect with a group, contact Raja Atallah at raja.gracefellowship@gmail.com.



The church office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Friday.
Contact us: 251-368-4463 gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com

25th Anniversary Potluck: Join us after the service NEXT Sunday, February 1st for a church wide potluck to celebrate Grace's 25th Anniversary. Grace will provide the meat and drinks. We ask that everyone bring 1 hot dish (veggies, potatoes, rice, etc) **AND** 1 cold dish (salad or dessert).

Covenant Renewal: If you were not able to make it to our annual Covenant Renewal Service and you call Grace your home church, stop by Connections to sign the 2026 Covenant of Commitment.

Ignite Valentine's Banquet - Camp Fundraiser: Enjoy a relaxing evening and let us serve you on Friday, February 6th at 6:00pm here at Grace! It's the perfect date night or an excellent family night out. This camp fundraising event is "by donation" and all proceeds will go toward the Ignite youth camp trip this summer. Sign up TODAY at Connections!

Women of Grace: Get ready to roll! Join us for a fun-filled Ladies' Bowling Night on Thursday, January 29th from 7:00 - 8:00pm. The cost is just \$10, which includes your shoes. For all ladies 18 and up! We'll be rolling, laughing, and having a great time! Stop by Connection to sign up!

Ladies Bible Study - The Best Yes: A 6 week Bible study by Lisa Terkeurst that helps you discern the option that shapes all your other choices. Offering Scripture-laced insights on effective decision-making, she encourages you to be honest, imaginative, focused, trusting, and humble as you discover the role God most wants you to play. Two class options are available: Wednesday night (7:00 - 8:15pm) **OR** Thursday morning (9:00 - 10:15am). Childcare will be provided for the Thursday morning study ONLY. Sign up at Connections today!

 **GROUP NOTES**

ENTERING THE GROUP ZONE

1. When you hear someone say, "I'm so blessed," what kinds of things do you usually picture?
 - Does what comes to mind align with the New Testament's use of being blessed?
2. Often, we feel blessed when things are going well (good health, comfort, income, etc.). Compare this "blessed" feeling to a time you went through hardships or suffering—did you feel blessed then also? Explain.
3. Complete this statement: "I feel most blessed when..."
4. Have you felt "blessed" because of your faith, salvation, or relationship with God, even when circumstances are difficult? Share your experience.
5. Looking back at this week's message, was there anything that particularly challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?

Take a minute to review the sermon and complete the sermon notes on the previous page for anyone who might have missed it.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 Peter 4:12-14. Peter says not to be surprised by "fiery trials" and that you are blessed if insulted for Christ's name. How do these words reflect Jesus' words in Matthew 5:11-12?
 - How does knowing that trials are opportunities for spiritual blessing change your perspective towards trials and difficulties?
2. Read Romans 8:35–39. Which of the hardships listed in these verses have you experienced? In what ways was the hardship a blessing?
 - Though the word "blessed" is not used in these verses, what is the great blessing that's emphasized or inferred in these verses?
 - How do these verses show that the true blessing is in a relationship, not in circumstances?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, how will knowing that the true blessing is about your relationship with God, not about what you have, change your perspective and the way you live?