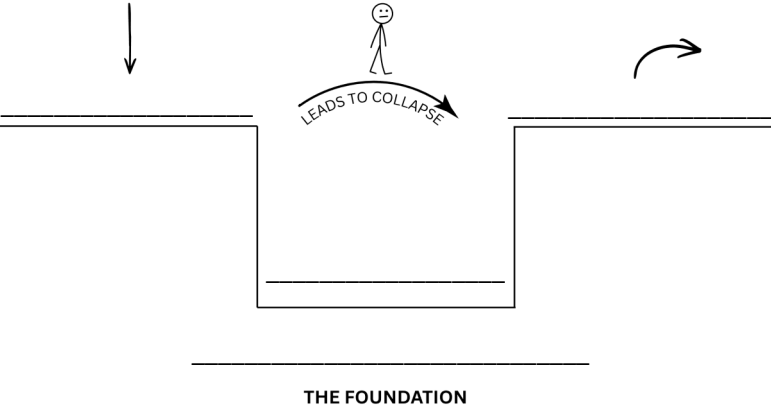


SERMON NOTES

Pray for the Power of Experience

Ephesians 3:14-21 Page 1666 (Grace Bibles)



The power to experience is NOT the same as creating an experience. These two concepts are vastly different. When you create an _____, you are the designer, the architect and you control the variables, environment and desired emotional response. Creating an experience is an _____ act.

When you experience something, you are the _____ who is experiencing the reality without control over the design of that experience. You are absorbing an event, thought, or emotion from _____ (internally).

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”).



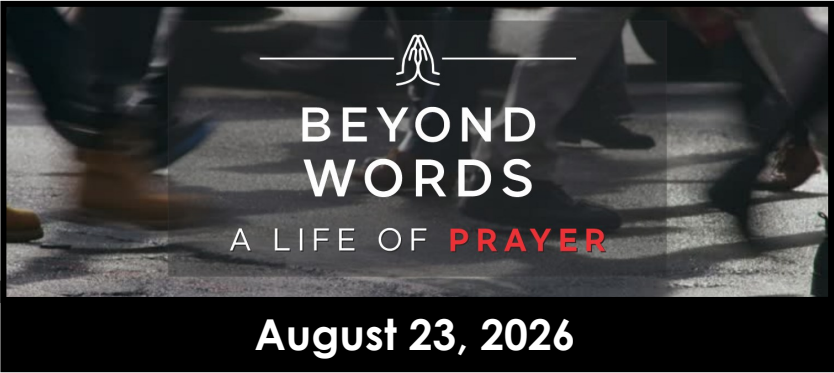
Please scan the QR Code to access our Sermon Notes on the Bible App

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



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

Baptism Class: Baptism is a very significant milestone in person's journey of faith to publicly affirm a decision to be a Christ-follower. We will be having a *RAISED TO NEW LIFE BAPTISM CLASS* for all of those interested in getting baptized. Lunch and childcare will be provided for the class. If you are interested in being baptized, contact the church office at 251-368-4463 by Sunday, September 13th.

Grace 101 Classes: Beginning on Sunday, September 13th we invite you to take the next step at Grace with a 3 week class to learn who we are, what we believe, and how we encourage spiritual maturity. This is our church membership class and is required for serving at Grace. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up in the lobby at Connections.

Taste of Grace: The Women of Grace Ministry will be hosting a tasting party and cooking contest for ladies ages 13 and up on Thursday, August 27th at 6:30pm You can sign up to compete in one of the following categories: Bread & Biscuits, Family Favorite Food (Main Dish), Simple Snack, Cookies, Cobbers & Cakes OR just come enjoy a night of fellowship and good food! Everyone is welcome and will get a chance to taste the food and vote for their favorite! Feel free to invite your friends! Stop by Connection to sign up!

Grace Softball: The season is right around the corner and we want YOU to play! Cost is \$10! Available to men and women ages 13 and up (you must turn 13 by Dec. 31st). **The season will begin Sunday, September 6th & last for 4 weeks! TODAY IS THE LAST DAY for sign ups!** Be sure to stop by the table in the lobby. Extra team shirts are available for \$10.

Children’s Christmas Program: We would like to invite all children from kindergarten through 8th grade to participate in this year’s Children’s Christmas Program on Sunday Evening, December 13th. Auditions for speaking /acting parts will be on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm for 2nd - 8th graders ONLY! **NEXT SUNDAY is the last day to sign up!**

UPWARD Sports Kickball Registration: Cost is \$35. This event is for kids ages K4 (4 years old) - 6th Grade. The first practice will be on Tuesday, September 15th and the first game will be on Tuesday, September 22nd. You can register your child(ren) to play and register yourself to volunteer!



GROUP NOTES

ENTERING THE GROUP ZONE

1. What is the difference between experiencing love and hearing the statement, “I love you”? Which is more meaningful? Why?
2. What does the phrase “experience God” mean to you? What comes to mind when you hear it?
 - What about when you add a specific characteristic to the phrase, for example: “experience God’s love or mercy”?
3. If you could experience one aspect of God more deeply—His love, mercy, forgiveness, peace, presence, or something else—which would you choose? Why?
4. 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. Pastor Glenn talked about Paul’s example in Ephesians 3 of praying for power from the Holy Spirit to “experience” God’s love. Read Paul’s prayer for the Colossians in Colossians 1:9-12. What are some of the requests Paul has been praying for the Colossians? What stands out to you?
 - Pastor Glenn showed how Paul’s prayer to the Ephesians shows how we “receive” and then “demonstrate” before we “experience.” Let’s look at verses 9, 10, and 11 in the Colossians prayer and observe the same progression:
 - What do you see in verse 9 that shows “receiving” from God?
 - What do you see in verse 10 that shows “demonstrating” what we have received?
 - What do you see in verse 11 that shows “experiencing” God’s power?
 - Does Paul’s prayer focus more on changing circumstances or changing the person? What can you learn from this about how you pray?
2. Read Paul’s prayer to the Philippians in Philippians 1:9-11. What does Paul mean by “knowledge and depth of insight”? Are those necessary to experience God’s love?

TAKING IT HOME

Consider how praying Philippians 1:9-11 for yourself this week could change the way you demonstrate and experience God's love.