

## SERMON NOTES

### Sovereign Over Life and Death

John 11:1-53      Pages 1529 (Grace Bibles)

1. Divine love may \_\_\_\_\_, divine wisdom may permit \_\_\_\_\_, and divine sovereignty governs both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ — and all of it serves God’s greater \_\_\_\_\_ and brings about a deeper \_\_\_\_\_ than we can comprehend.

2. As Christians, our faith is \_\_\_\_\_ in the fact of the resurrection of Jesus, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our own future resurrection is because of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Jesus is not indifferent to our \_\_\_\_\_. He is compassionate to us in our \_\_\_\_\_. On the cross, He willingly died \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. He was victorious over death for our \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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](http://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](http://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](https://facebook.com/gracefellowshipatmore))
- **Email** – sent out weekly on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Email [gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com](mailto:gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com) if you are not receiving these weekly emails!
- **Website** – [www.gracefellowshipatmore.com](http://www.gracefellowshipatmore.com)
- **Text** - Text “GFCONNECT” TO 94000

## ESSENTIAL PASSAGES



February 22, 2026

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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, stop by Connections TODAY!

**Grace 101 Classes:** Beginning on Sunday, March 8th 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. TODAY is the last day to sign up in the lobby at Connections.

**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. Two class options are available: Wednesday night (beginning March 4th, 7:00 - 8:15pm) **OR** Thursday morning (beginning March 5th, 9:00 - 10:15am). Childcare will be provided for the Thursday morning study ONLY. *If you have already signed up for the bible study, please stop by the table in the lobby and pick up your book and workbook.*

**Cookies For Teachers:** We would like to bless the teachers at our local schools with homemade cookies on Monday, March 9th. We are asking 16 people to sign up to bake 2 dozen cookies. Cookies need to be brought to Grace by Sunday, March 8th. If you would like to bring them earlier, please write your name on them and place them in Freezer 2 in the kitchen! Please sign up at the Women of Grace table in the lobby TODAY.

- Save - the - Date:**  
We Care Program Banquet - **March 14th**  
Family Sunday - **March 29th**  
Good Friday Service - **April 3rd**  
Resurrection Sunday - **April 5th**  
Groups - Spring Semester - **April 12th - May 20th**

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# GROUP NOTES

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## ENTERING THE GROUP ZONE

1. On a scale of 1-10, how impatient are you when you have to wait on things that are not in your control (medical results, job offer, justice, etc.)? What makes waiting hard in these situations?
2. Pastor Gene talked about our expectations versus God’s timing when discussing the story of Lazarus. Have you ever walked through a season where the waiting felt painful, confusing, and even harmful, only to look back later and see that God’s timing had a purpose? What lesson did you learn?
3. Often, we have in mind how God should respond to our problems and needs. When He doesn’t respond the way we thought he should, how does your view of God and His character change?
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 Gene said that there was a greater purpose for the waiting in Lazarus’s story: God’s glory. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and 2 Peter 3:8-9. How do these two passages help us trust God’s timing?
  - Since God’s thoughts and ways are "higher" than ours (Isaiah 55), what is one area in your life where you need to surrender your ways and thoughts to God?
  - When referring to the day of judgment, Peter says that God’s timing is connected to His desire for "everyone to come to repentance." How does this thought help you deal with your impatience with God’s timing? Does God’s timing/delay often reflect His mercy? Explain.
2. Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection.” We are made alive in Him in the present—not just for our future hope. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What do these verses say about both our present resurrection and our future hope?
  - How does understanding your identity as already raised with Christ reshape how you live for His glory?

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## TAKING IT HOME

If you want to live as someone “raised with Christ,” is there an area of your life that needs to change? Consider your priorities, relationships, daily habits, etc.