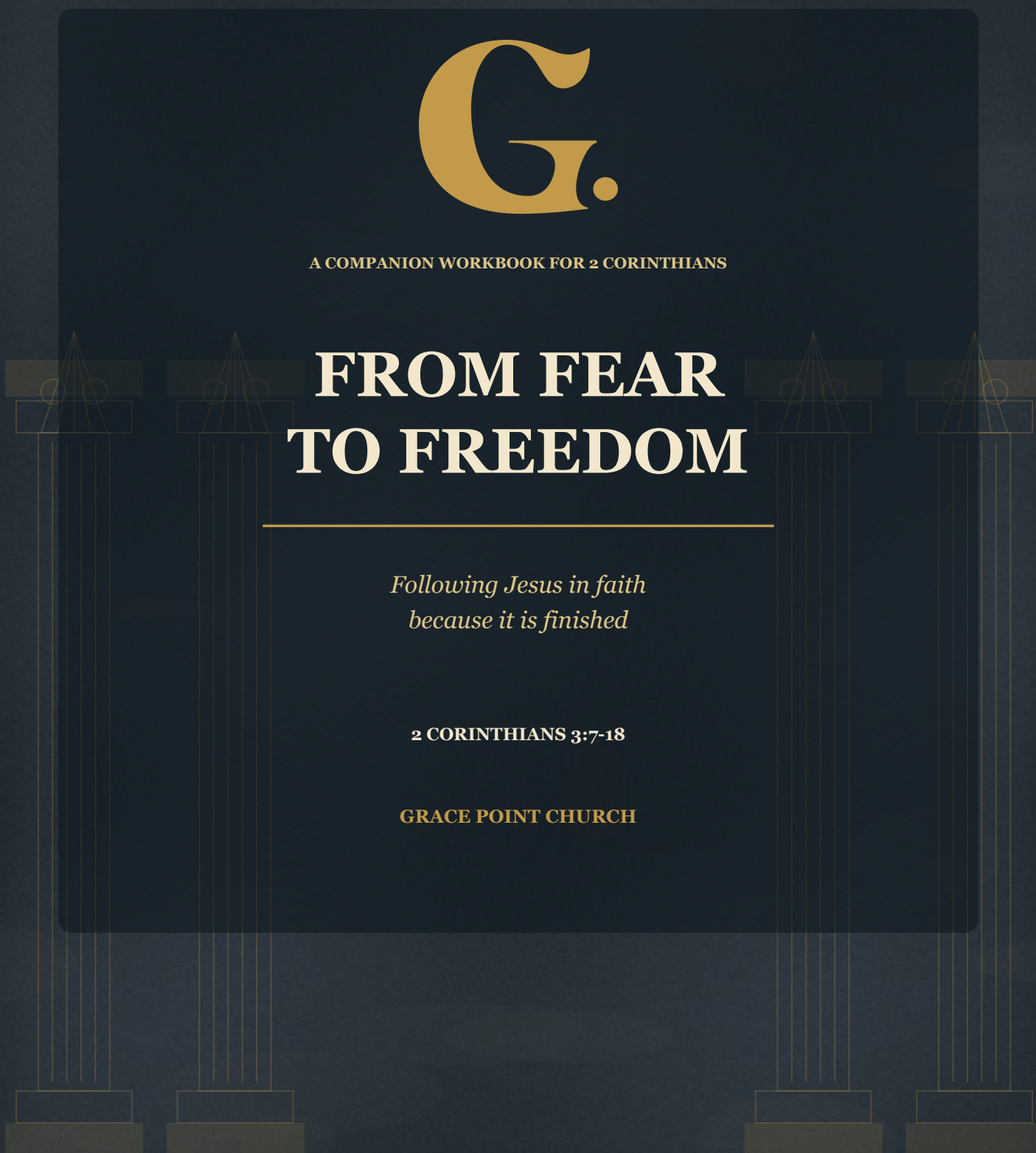




A COMPANION WORKBOOK FOR 2 CORINTHIANS

FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM

*Following Jesus in faith
because it is finished*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

GRACE POINT CHURCH

THE BIG IDEA

Stop working for Jesus and start resting in Him. Because it is finished, we can walk by faith and not by sight.

Working for rest traps us in condemnation and fear because salvation is not our work to complete. Jesus fulfilled the law, took our sin, and gave us His righteousness. As we follow Him in faith, He leads us out of fear and into freedom.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

Where am I still working for the rest Jesus has already purchased? What would it mean to live like His work is truly finished?

REFLECT AND RESPOND

GREATER GLORY, GREATER HOPE

The law was holy and glorious, but it could expose sin without changing the heart. If the ministry carved on stone came with glory, how much more glorious is the permanent ministry of the Spirit that gives righteousness and life?

WHAT WAS FADING

- Letters carved on stone
- Condemnation of sin
- Glory brought to an end

WHAT IS PERMANENT

- Life from the Spirit
- Righteousness in Christ
- Glory that surpasses

Death is finished. Condemnation is finished. The Spirit now gives life and righteousness in Jesus.

Which feels more real to me today: the fading weight of condemnation or the permanent glory of Christ's finished work?

FEEDING GOSPEL HOPE

LED OUT OF FEAR

Israel saw the reflected glory on Moses' face and drew back in fear. Walking by sight left them afraid of God's holiness and unable to understand His promise. The same pattern still enslaves hearts today.

DISTANCE

Without intimacy with God, His presence feels foreign and threatening.

IGNORANCE

A hardened mind cannot understand, receive, or trust what God promises.

What if that is your fear talking - not Jesus?

Where am I still a slave to fear? What shame, failure, or expectation keeps me at a distance from God?

NAME THE FEAR HONESTLY

TURN TO THE LORD

The veil remains when we try to read God's commands apart from Christ. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Jesus fulfilled the law, took our sin, and made us holy so that we no longer have to hide from the Father.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

1 JOHN 4:18

- + Jesus removes the veil that lies over hardened hearts.
- + His cross answers the fear of punishment with finished atonement.
- + His unfailing love invites us into righteousness and peace.

Do I believe that Jesus loves me as fully and deeply as He says? Where am I still trying to work things out on my own?

TURNING FROM FEAR TO CHRIST

LED INTO FREEDOM

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. The Holy Spirit gives believers unrestricted access to the presence of the living God. What once terrified us in God's holiness now becomes our deepest joy.

FROM CONDEMNATION → TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

FROM DEATH → TO LIFE

FROM LAW → TO GOSPEL

FROM DISTANCE → TO NEARNESS

FROM IGNORANCE → TO KNOWING OUR KING

By His blood, Jesus restored all that sin had broken. It is finished - and we are free.

Which movement from fear to freedom do I most need to live in today? How can I approach the Father with gospel confidence?

FREEDOM I NEED TO RECEIVE

BEHOLD & BECOME

With unveiled faces, believers behold the glory of the Lord and are transformed into His image from one degree of glory to another. This is the Spirit's work in us, applying the finished work of Jesus for us.

"We all... beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

FEED YOUR HOPE

1

WORD

Meet with God where He has promised to reveal Christ.

2

PRAYER

Approach the throne of grace because you are weak and He is strong.

3

REPENTANCE

Run toward Jesus when you fail instead of hiding in guilt.

Am I feeding gospel hope or starving it? How will I use my freedom to draw near and behold the glory of Jesus?

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

DISCUSSION & PRAYER

- 01 How does working for rest keep a person trapped in fear?
- 02 Why is the new covenant more glorious than the ministry carved on stone?
- 03 How do distance and ignorance strengthen fear of God?
- 04 What changes when the law is viewed through Christ and His finished work?
- 05 Which freedom - righteousness, life, gospel, nearness, or knowledge - do you most need?
- 06 How does beholding Jesus produce real transformation?

PRAY: Confess where fear has replaced faith. Thank Jesus for removing the veil, ask the Spirit to deepen your confidence, and pray for freedom to draw near together.

NOTES AND PRAYER

WALKING FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM

The Spirit gives life. Jesus has given us righteousness and eternal glory. God loves us more than we can imagine.

The sermon closes with two questions. Answer both honestly and choose one response of faith.

1

WHERE AM I STILL A SLAVE TO FEAR?

Name the fear, shame, or distance without hiding.

2

WHAT STEP OF FREEDOM IS THE SPIRIT LEADING ME TO TAKE?

Turn to Jesus, draw near, and rest in His promise.

God's grace is sufficient. Jesus is enough. Follow Him in faith and rest in His promises.

MY NEXT STEP OF GOSPEL FREEDOM