

grace chapel

Z E E L A N D

March 2021

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- We have a **SPECIAL SERVICE** coming up on Thursday, April 1! Andrew Barron from JewsforJesus.org will be sharing a special message with us on the meaning of Christ in the Passover. Hear from this Jewish man who found Jesus later in life and watch him bring the symbolism of Passover to life! This service will be at **Ebenezer Reformed Church** during our regular Thursday service at 6:30 pm.
- **Ladies**, Grace is excited to announce an upcoming **women's bible study, Sisters of Grace!** All women of all ages are welcome to join us every other Tuesday evening starting March 30 from 6:45-8 pm. Sisters of Grace will be a 6-week study from RightNow Media on Perfect Love, pursuing intimacy with Christ through the Song of Solomon. Please sign up by **March 21** at the scooter table or email Jen@gracechapelzeeland.com if you want to attend!
- **ATTENTION** All Israel Trip Participants: Due to COVID, we will postpone the trip scheduled for May of 2021. The new dates for the trip are November 9-19, 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation both here in the US and Israel as we move forward. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bob at bob@gracechapelzeeland.com
- Men, mark your calendars for **6:30 pm Tuesday evenings (every other Tuesday)** for a time of learning from God's word and sharing with other men at Grace. We will be using the RightNow Media study, "**Be a Godly Man**" by Joby Martin. Bring a friend if you like, and come to be encouraged, challenged, and inspired by how God is changing men's lives through Christ. Dates to save are **March 23, April 6, 20, May 4, 18, and June 1**. (It's ok if you can't attend every session - but even better if you can!) Contact Pastor John for more information john@gracechapelzeeland.com
- **Ladies!** Please join us on Saturday, April 17, from 2 to 4 pm at Grace Chapel for a fun spring floral arranging event! You will learn how to arrange seasonal flowers and leave with a beautiful vase of your own! The cost to participate is \$30 and is due by April 11. Space is limited to 50 people. Sign up or pay at the scooter table. We hope to see you there!



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God doesn't call the _____, He _____ the called.

1 Corinthians 9: 19-27, Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

We should try _____, short of _____, to _____ people for Jesus!

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Romans 1:16, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

2 Corinthians 13:5, Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

Hebrews 12:1-3, Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

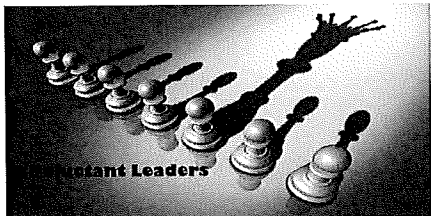
1 Peters 4:11, If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

What is your next step?

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Life Application:

In our relationship with God, there are only two directions. We can either be growing closer or drifting away. Commit to grow closer DAILY! Decide what your next step is and let someone you know what that step is so they can help you keep on track.



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1. Do you clearly see that ordinary people are used by God for extraordinary purpose?

KEY POINT: Being used by God for His Kingdom is not about being flawless. It's about being willing and surrendering our hearts and our agenda to Him.

READ: 1 Corinthians 9: 19-27

2. We have been talking about people in the Bible who were reluctant to step up. In Pastor Adam's sermon this week things shifted a bit. Did you realize that you are in a race, a competition?
3. Discuss this freedom we have, but do not exercise in certain circumstances.
4. We willingly submit and obey rules and laws because it is best for us to do so. Do we do the same in our walk with God? Why or Why not?
5. Do you think most Christians think about the eternal ramifications of choosing to ignore God in an area of our life? Here are a few areas to consider: lying, slander, being sexually promiscuous, gossiping, backstabbing...
6. Do we forget that God sees all of this? Why do you think we are willing to break God's rules while maintaining cultural rules? Is this what makes us "feel" unusable for God's purposes?
7. Do you truly believe that God can redeem anyone? Including you?
8. Pastor Adam shifted at this point and asked us: How do we enter culture, and use culture to lead people to Jesus?
9. Re-Read the passage above and list the things that may provide the answer to the question above.

A Quote from Pastor Adam...For some of us, if we are honest with ourselves, if we listened to what God is saying through Paul, it would radically change the lives we live. This would radically change the way we act in church. This would radically change the way we think we should approach our church life and personal life in the future. Too many Christians do not think about things from the perspective of someone that does not know God and how what we say and do may affect them. Paul tells us in this passage that we enter the culture they know and understand. We enter life with them and love them, in order to lead them to Jesus.

KEY POINT: We should try ANYTHING, short of sinning, to reach people for Jesus!

10. Regarding this race and competition what does Paul tell us?

KEY POINT: The way we train spiritually will determine the spiritual race we run.

READ: Romans 1:16, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Hebrews 12:1-3

11. When is the last time you talked to someone about Jesus, who does not know Jesus?

READ & DISCUSS: Following Jesus is not a game. At the end of life everyone does not get a gold star. Everyone does not get a trophy from God. Everyone does not get into heaven, which is very clear. Everyone who does get to heaven does not get the same rewards. Our eternal reality is based on how we live life here on earth. Life is a proving ground to show what we really believe and in whom we truly believe.

READ: 1 Peters 4:11

12. How can we live out this verse?

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