

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!
- Would you like an opportunity to support **adoptive** and **foster** families? Now is your chance!! Grafted in Grace, a ministry of Grace Chapel, is once again partnering with both Mosaic and Hope Packages to provide resources for foster and adoptive families within our community. Mosaic, located in Zeeland, has a clothing co-op where foster and adoptive families can shop, and Hope Packages works throughout West Michigan to provide backpacks full of essential items for the first night of children entering foster care. Here are the items we would love to collect for these ministries: new socks/undies (kids sizes 2T-14/16), new or gently used jeans boys/girls (sizes 4T-16 kids), gently used Summer clothing (0-16 kids), and new backpacks (regular size for teens). Please drop off your items during any of the services on March 4, 7, 11, and 14. Thank you so much for supporting our community's foster and adoptive families! (Any questions, please email us at graftedingrace@gracechapelzeeland.com)
- **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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Moses The Reluctant Leader

Exodus 3:4-10 ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

1. Reluctant Response: Who Am I?

Exodus 3:11-12 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

2. Reluctant Response: Who are you?

Exodus 3:13-15 ¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' 'This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'"

3. Reluctant Response: What if they?

Exodus 4:1-9 "Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"
² Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

³ The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. ⁵ "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."⁶ Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous it had become as white as snow.⁷ "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So, Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it-out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

⁸ Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. ⁹ But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

4. Reluctant Response: Send someone else!

Exodus 4:10-13 ¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

¹³ But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Life Application:

- Next time you hear God ask you to do something, let's change our response to the following responses.
- 1. "Who Am I" "I am yours!"
- 2. "Who Are You" "I know you are faithful!"
- 3. "What If They" "How do you want to use me!"
- 4. "Send Someone Else" "I am willing, please send me!"