



GRACE CHURCH

Message Notes

Re-Enlist

Hebrews 10:23-25 NLT — Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

#SomeAssemblyRequired

To enlist is to sign up for service in a mission that you do not get to choose.

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV — And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The mission that each Christian has is the same—the Great Commission

As we gather back together, it’s time to re-enlist in the mission of Jesus

3 Paths to Re-Enlistment

Moses

Exodus 3:10-11 — Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

Moses switched his focus from God to himself

When I take my eyes off all God, I truly see what I lack

Who is still in bondage because you do not feel qualified to reach out?

Moses’ focus was on himself.

Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3 ESV — “Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.”

Jonah made a conscious decision to do the opposite of what God commanded

Fear is a powerful force, but Jonah’s life is prejudice and grace — Prejudice on Jonah’s part, Grace on God’s part

Jonah 4:2 NLT — So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people

Jonah’s prejudice kept him from obeying God

Who are your Ninevites?

Jonah’s focus was on others.

Isaiah

Isaiah 6:8 — And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Romans 10:13-17 — For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Wherever it is, Whatever it is, Whoever it is — SEND ME!

Isaiah’s focus was on God.

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Scott mentioned that Moses had a moment where he switched his focus from God to his own ability. How can you position yourself to keep your focus on God’s ability versus your own?

2. If you have ever felt doubt in the possibility of God using you, can you look back to find what caused you to get off course when it comes to your focus?
3. Have you ever disqualified someone from knowing about the grace of Jesus Christ? What caused you to feel that way towards them?
4. Would you consider yourself a first-responder when it comes to serving others? If not, how could you position yourself to become one?