



# GOSPEL STORIES:

JESUS & HIS PARABLES



# CALL TO WORSHIP

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

*1 Peter 2:24-25*



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# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

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*3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?*

*Luke 15:1–7*





# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

*5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

*Luke 15:1–7*



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*St. Chrysostom preached, “The tax-gatherer is the personification of licensed violence, of legal sin, of specious greed”*



# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

*The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?”*  
*(Ezekiel 34:1, 2)*

*Jesus is attracting the very people religious folks avoided instead of seeking. The Pharisees’ complaint is the setup: “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”*



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NONE-NO ONE DOES THIS





# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

*A good shepherd doesn't say, "99 out of 100 is good enough." He leaves comfort and safety to pursue one vulnerable sheep.*

*This is what is meant by "scandalous grace"*

*"The soul is so precious that the whole economy of heaven is set in motion to recover one." -Spurgeon*



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...he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

There's beautiful foreshadowing of the sustaining work of Christ in carrying sheep on his shoulders and taking them home! He carried a death slab on his shoulder to pay once and for all what you couldn't so that you could come home.

*Phil 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*





# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

**“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...”**

Martin Lloyd-Jones “There is nothing in us that can merit the love of God. It is all of grace, and it is all in Christ.”



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# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

**Mordecai Ham**

**(April 2, 1877 – November 1, 1961)**

**Evangelist preaching a Revival**

**1934 Charlotte NC**





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# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

2 - 14 yr old boys



**Grady Wilson**

**Billy Graham**





# PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

How does Jesus go after sheep now?

unnamed ushers, faithful pastors, kid workers, MC leaders, foster parents and teachers, welders and artists that remember the depths from which they were saved and proclaim he saved me come and see how good HE is!

*Who in your life needs to know that Jesus is searching for them?*



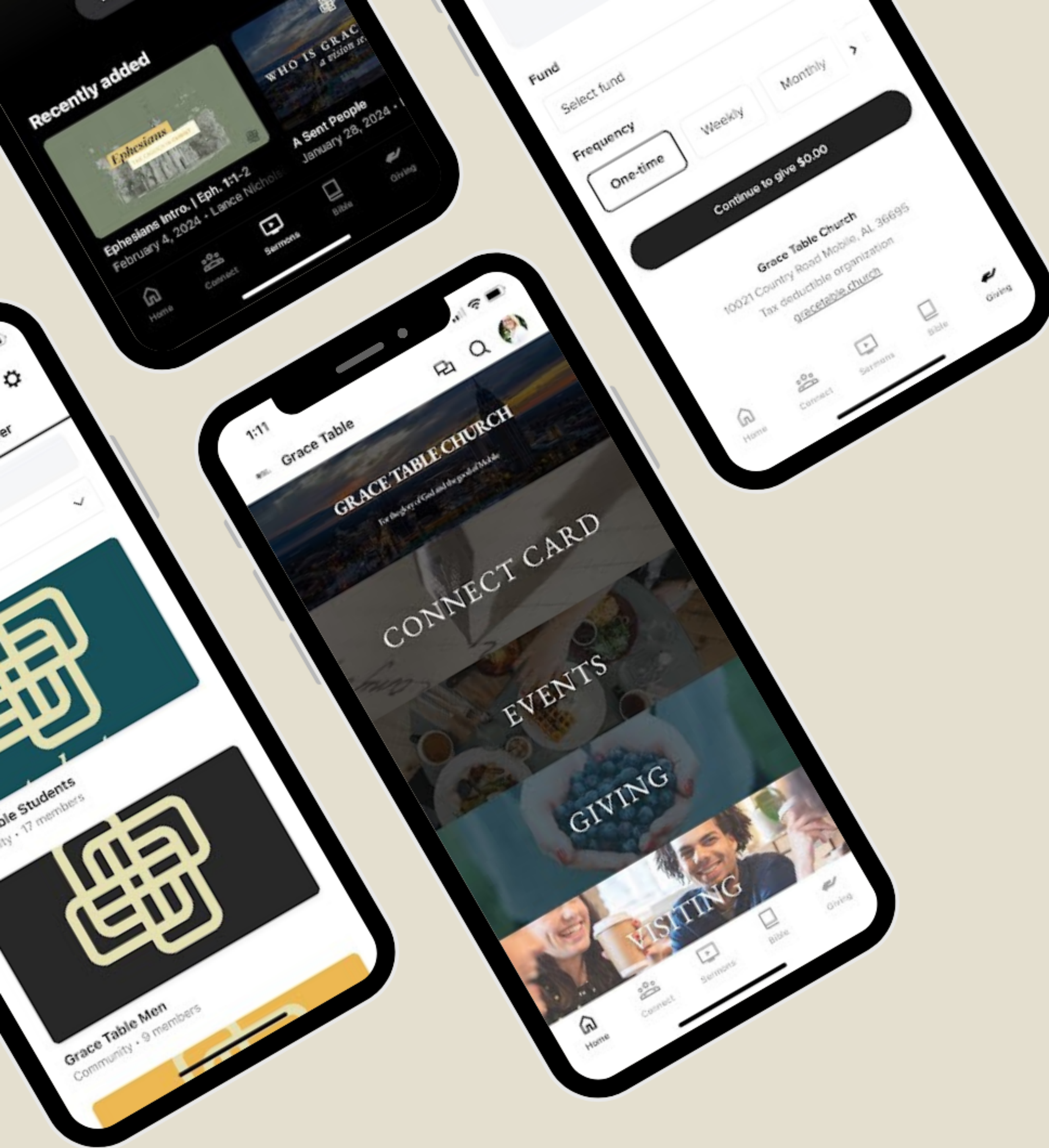


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*CHURCH WIDE*

# **WORK DAY**

*AT NEW FACILITY*

*AUGUST 30TH / 7 AM-12 PM*



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TODAY  
POST-CHURCH

COVENANT  
*partnership*  
LUNCHEON



# BENEDICTION

**Leader:**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*-2 Corinthians 13:14*

**People:**

*And also with you.*



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