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CALL TO WORSHIP

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God.*

-1 Corinthians 1:18

ACTS 9:19-31

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23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. 26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

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28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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“son of God” in the OT:

1. Angels of heaven are called the “sons of God”. In this sense the sons of God are still creatures not divine beings. (Gen. 6, Job 1,2, 38)
2. Israel is referred to as a nation “the son of God”. Ex. 4:22-23 in God’s redeeming of the people of Israel—He adopted them into His family and called the whole corporate nation His son.
3. Kings in the OT are referred to as “sons of God” (2 Sam. 4; Ps. 2 & 89).
4. As the idea of Messiah developed over time, the messiah became known as the “Son of God”.



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“son of God” in the NT:

“and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘**This is my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased.’” -Matt. 3:17

“And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, ‘**This is my beloved Son**; listen to him.’” -Mark 9:7

In the NT, the idea of sonship was intricately connected to obedience.



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“son of God” in the NT:

mono = only

monogenes = only begotten (not first)

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16

- To beget (Gk. ginomai) means “to become”, “to be”, “to happen”
- Christ was (homousios) = of the same substance as the Father and therefore co-substantial and co-eternal with the Father. Christ was begotten—not made.
- There was never a time when the Son was not—God was, is, & will always be triune.



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Possibly a few years

Result of gospel proclamation

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Saw the best in Saul & advocated for him as family (gospel fruit = Gal 1:18-19) brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen

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THE GOSPEL PRODUCES TENACIOUS WITNESS (VS. 28-31)

Took commission seriously

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Two responses to the gospel: 1. Embrace it in love 2. War against it in hate

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*Gospel courage isn't the absence of fear;
its obedience in the presence of fear.*

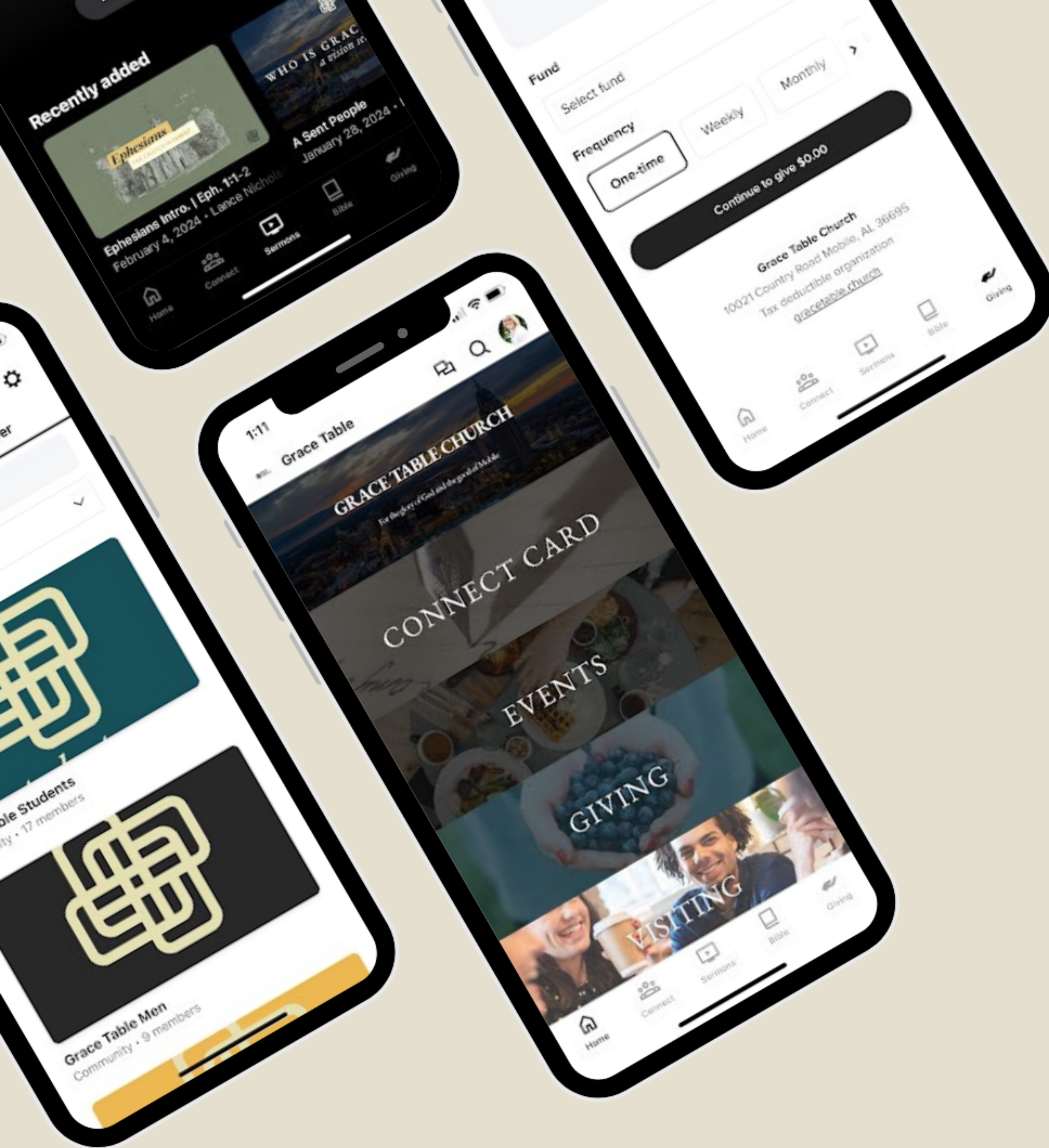




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Leader:

*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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