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JESUS & HIS PARABLES



CALL TO WORSHIP

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



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14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



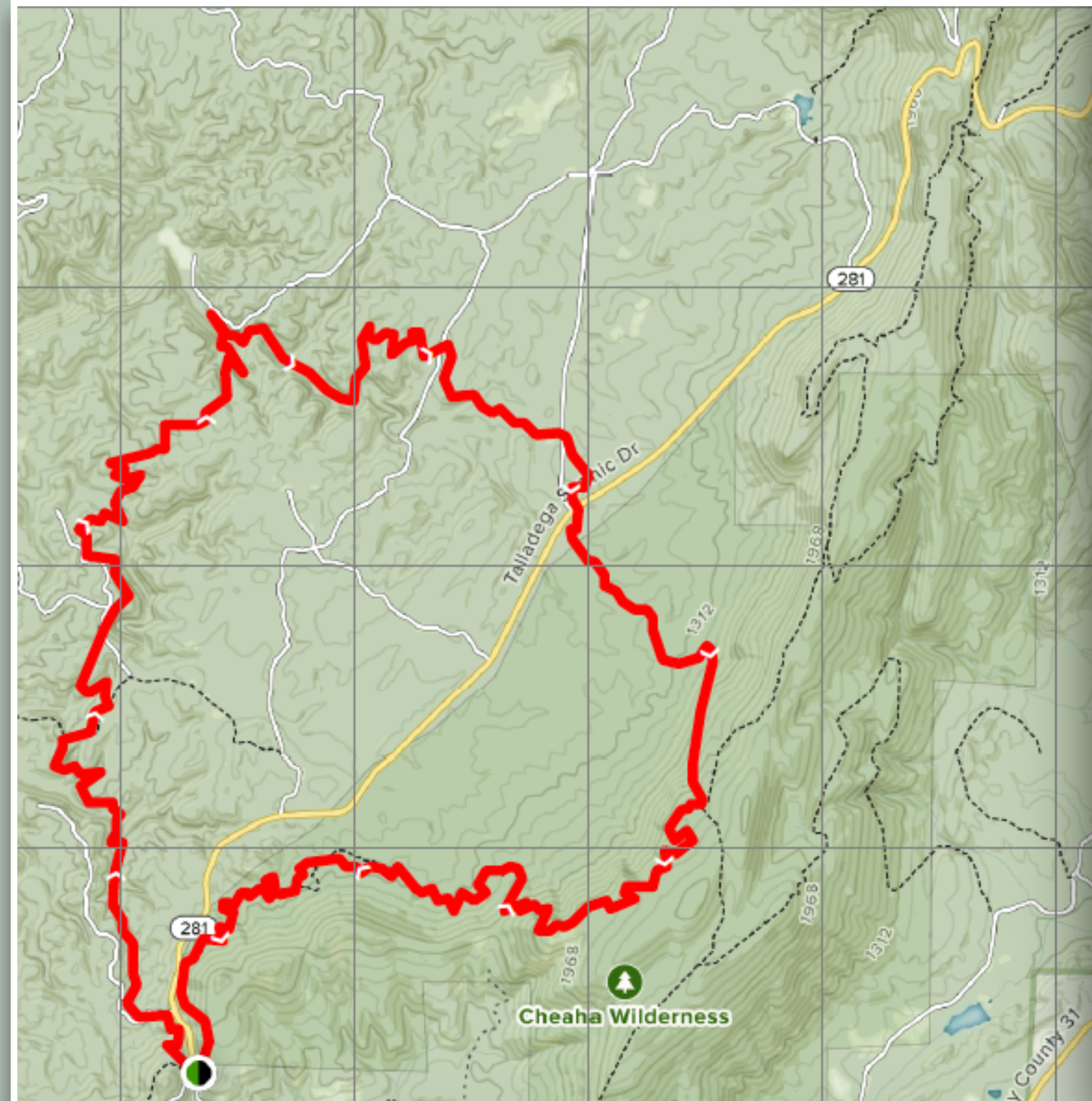
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1. the nature of gospel light

14 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

*Not you will be, not you should try to be—YOU ARE. He gives them an **identity** before He gives them a **command**.*



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1. the nature of gospel light

“You are the light of the world.”

That phrase is shocking—because

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12



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1. the nature of gospel light

*This is not a command to manufacture moral superiority, but a call to reflect the light of Christ.
You are not the source, you are the lamp.*

“Christians are like the moon, reflecting the sun. They shine not because they are luminous, but because they face the right direction.” — C.S. Lewis (paraphrased)



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2. the tendency to hide the light

“Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket.”

Why would anyone hide a lamp? There are a few reasons:

- *Pride*
- *Fear of rejection*
- *Desire for comfort*
- *Spiritual amnesia*



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3. shine through good works

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works...”*

*Jesus doesn't say “good beliefs” or “good words”—
but GOOD WORKS.*

This isn't salvation by works, but salvation that works.



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3. shine through good works

Gospel transformation always leads to visible fruit...

But the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; **against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

“Christians should be so obviously different—not weird, but wonderfully different—that people are drawn to the source of that difference.” — Tim Keller



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4. the glory goes to the Father

“...and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

*This is the test of gospel witness:
Does the light we shine point to us, or
does it point to God?*

*When the gospel changes you, you don't need to be the
hero of the story anymore—Jesus is.*



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21 And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? 22 For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” 24 And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” Mark 4:21-25



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Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God's love and truth in the world.

And in the same way that a lamp's purpose is to illuminate,

Jesus' purpose is to make God's kingdom visible.

But here's the twist: He has now placed that light in us, His followers.

As His disciples, we are the ones meant to reflect His light to the world



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The challenge here is one of faithfulness.

*If we are faithful with the light we have,
God will continue to give us more light to share.*

*If we hoard it, hide it, or fail to let it shine, even that which we
have will be taken away.*

*This isn't a matter of salvation; it's a matter of how we live out
our calling as those who bear Christ's light.*



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“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world...”

“The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.” — Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Where might you be tempted to hide the light today?

What would it look like to let it shine gently, courageously, joyfully?

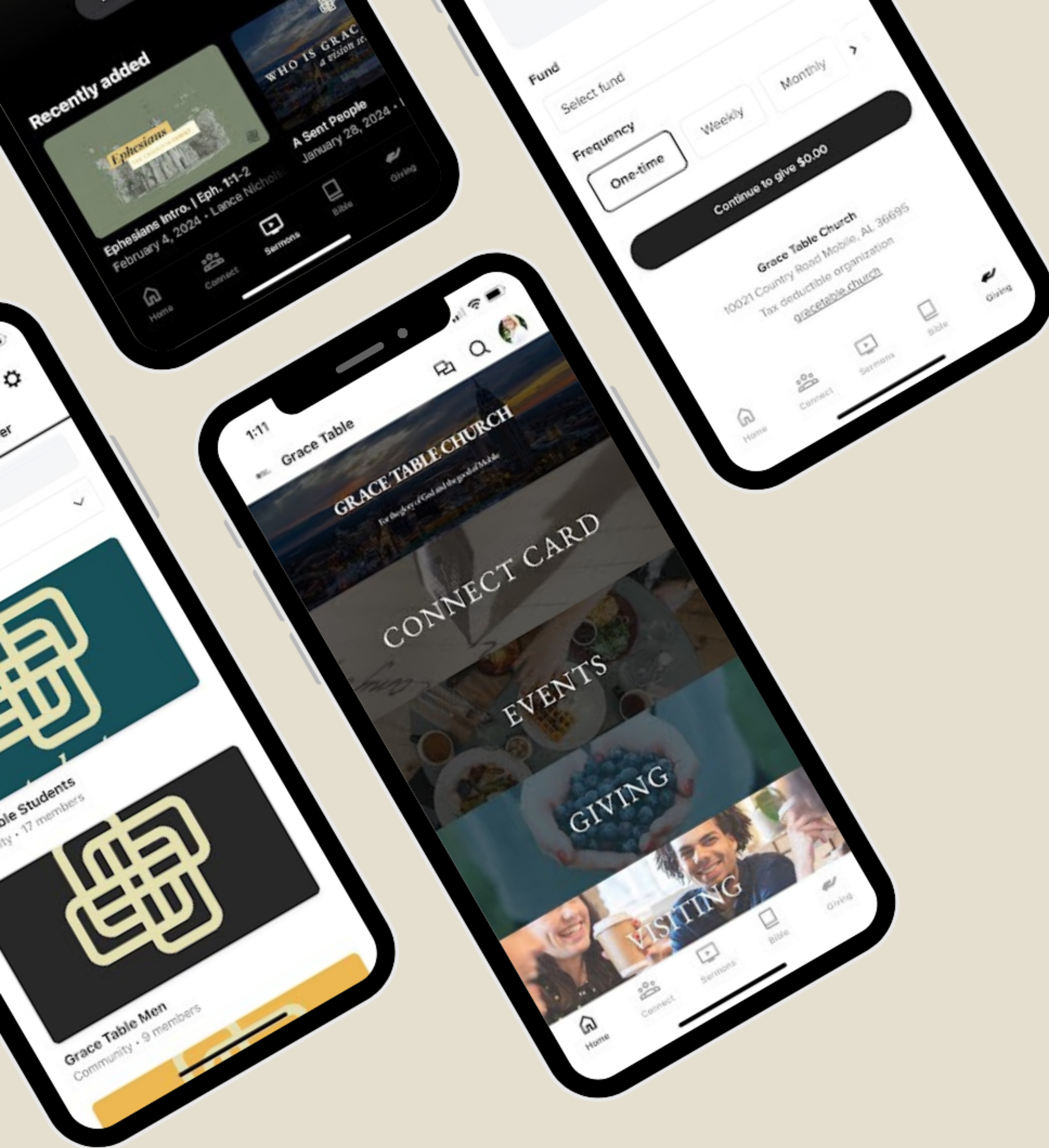




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Leader:

*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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