



ACTS

The Church Empowered
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CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

—Psalm 34:1-3

ACTS 15:1-11

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.

ACTS 15:1-11

4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." 6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

ACTS 15:1-11

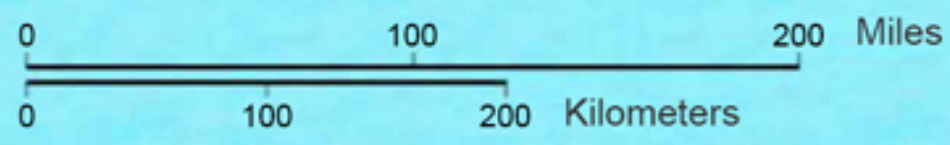
8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”



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PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
 - One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
 - ← Paul's Route →
- ConformingToJesus.com



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GRACE DISMISSED VS. 1-5

Judaizers = Jews who converted to Christianity; See Galatians

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“JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE IS THE HINGE UPON WHICH EVERYTHING TURNS.” -CALVIN



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GALATIANS 1:6-10

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.



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Confused Jesus-followers

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Circumcision = OT covenant sign; Deut. 28:1-15 (Blessings/Curses w/ law); Gal. 2:21

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JESUS PLUS ANYTHING RUINS ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING.



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Testifies to what he has seen & heard

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1. Recalls his vision w/ Cornelius (Acts 10)

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The gospel has a global reach

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2. Recalls the heart = one cleansed by Christ > ceremonial purity (Eze. 36)

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Hypocrisy — Placing a burden on the Gentiles they failed to keep themselves
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***IF SALVATION DEPENDS EVEN PARTLY ON US, THEN WE'RE HOPELESS.
HOWEVER, IF SALVATION DEPENDS FULLY ON JESUS,
THEN THERE IS HOPE FOR EVERYONE.***

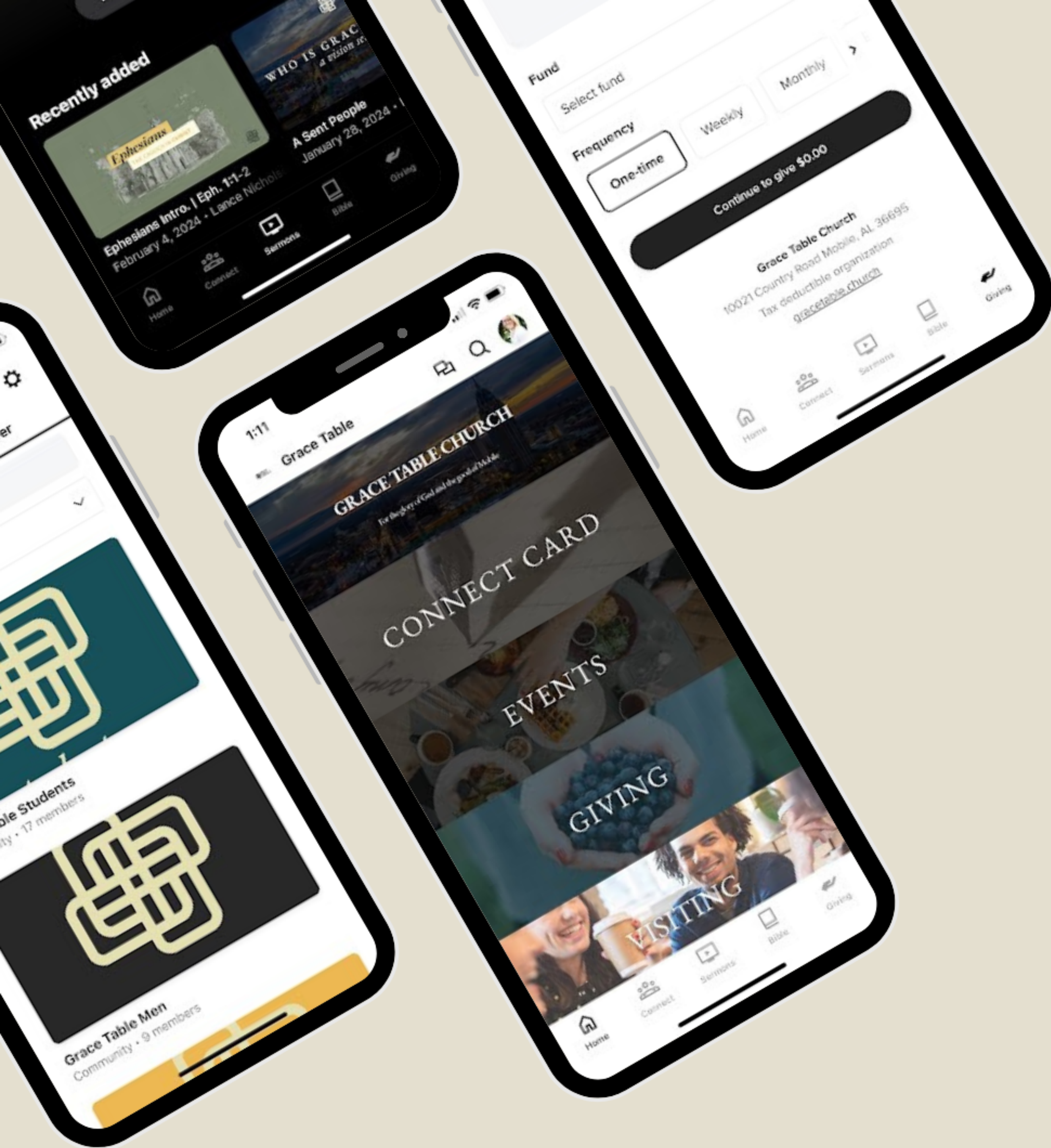




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SWIM NIGHT

AT WOODLAND

June 7 | 6-8 pm



MEN'S SUMMER

WORK DAY(S)

AT NEW FACILITY

NEXT ONE, MAY 30TH / 8 AM



GALATIANS

For Freedom You Set Me Free

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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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