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CALL TO WORSHIP

*3 Lord, if you kept an account of iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that you may be revered. 5 I
wait for the Lord; I wait and put my hope in his word.*

—Psalm 130:3-5

ACTS 16:11-40

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

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15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. 16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

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19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

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31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. 35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace."

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37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out." 38 The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. 39 So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. 40 So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.



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WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT GOD OPENS HEARTS, WE ARE FREED TO FAITHFULLY SHARE THE GOSPEL WITHOUT CARRYING THE WEIGHT OF THE RESULTS. VS. 11-15

156 miles (typical 5 day journey via boat)

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of

Named after King Philip of Macedon (Alexander the Great's dad)

Battle of Philippi (42 BC)

the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

No synagogue yet (Jewish tradition of 10 male heads of households)

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Interested in Judaism (Shema, etc)

had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of

Lucrative business/color associated w/ royalty bc of rarity (Jonah 2:9)

Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her

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**WE SPEAK THE GOSPEL.
GOD SAVES THE PEOPLE.**



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INVITATIONAL HOSPITALITY IS WHERE THE GREAT COMMISSION & GREAT COMMANDMENT ARE WED TOGETHER Vrs. 11-15

Living out of the grace she had received in Christ

Grace is contagious

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**ENTERTAINING ≠ BEING HOSPITABLE.
ENTERTAINING SHOWS OFF WHAT YOU'VE WORKED FOR;
HOSPITALITY SHARES IN THE GRACE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN.**



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WHEN THE GOSPEL SETS CAPTIVES FREE, THOSE INVESTED IN CAPTIVITY OFTEN PUSH BACK. VS. 16-24

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Their hope was in their money & selfish gain

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Unjust, No due process

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brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are

Make up a lie since proselytizing was illegal in the Roman Empire disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans

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Count the cost of following Jesus

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THE GOSPEL OFFENDS BECAUSE IT CONFLICTS & CONVICTS THE COMFORTABLE.

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GODLY FORTITUDE IN SUFFERING SAINTS OFTEN BECOMES A CATALYST FOR CONVICTION IN A WATCHING WORLD. VS. 25-34

Singing in their suffering (Book of Philippians).

God never wastes our suffering (2 Cor. 4:17-18, Rmns. 5:3-5, Phil. 3:10-11)

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so **Godly fortitude = Spirit-empowered ability to remain faithful despite circumstances** that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that **Escaped prisoners was an automatic death sentence** the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

GODLY FORTITUDE IS STEADFAST FAITH THAT REFUSES TO LET SUFFERING HAVE THE FINAL WORD—WHY? BECAUSE THE RESURRECTION IS REAL (PHIL. 1:21)



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***IS YOUR LIFE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING A LIVING
APOLOGETIC TO THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION?***

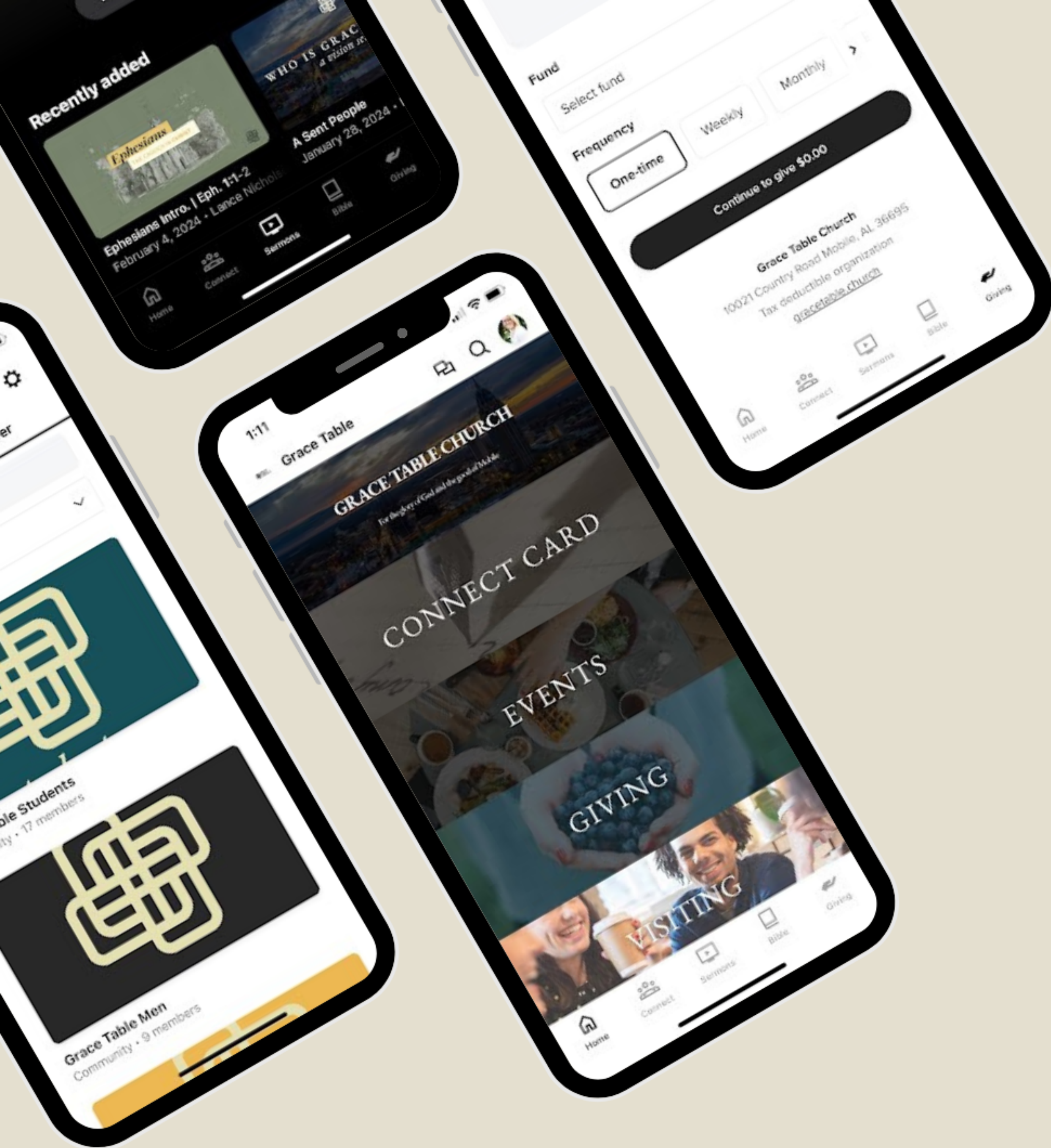




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HONORING OUR *men*

GRAB A COKE & SNACK ON THE WAY OUT

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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