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ACTS 19:11-20

10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. 11 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

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EPHESIA GRAMMATA

“EPHESIAN LETTERS”





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***“MAGIC SEEKS TO MANIPULATE THE GODS, EXPECTING
FORMULAIC RESULTS, WHEREAS MIRACLES ARE GOD’S
SOVEREIGN ACT THROUGH SOMEONE.”***



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THE THREE CULTURAL WORLDVIEWS

1. **GUILT-INNOCENCE** Predominantly Western cultures view sin as breaking the law. The core human problem is guilt, the solution is justification/forgiveness, and the desired outcome is innocence.
2. **SHAME-HONOR** Collectivist cultures (often in the East) view sin as failing community expectations. The human problem is shame, the solution is reconciliation/adoption, and the desired outcome is honor.
3. **FEAR-POWER** Animistic or spirit-focused cultures view sin as succumbing to evil forces. The human problem is fear, the solution is redemption/protection, and the desired outcome is spiritual power.



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"I HAVE SEEN A CERTAIN MAN OF MY OWN COUNTRY, WHOSE NAME WAS ELEAZAR, RELEASING PEOPLE THAT WERE DEMONICAL, IN THE PRESENCE OF VESPASIAN AND HIS SONS AND HIS CAPTAINS AND THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF HIS SOLDIERS. THE MANNER OF THE CURE WAS THIS: HE PUT A RING THAT HAD A ROOT OF ONE OF THOSE SORTS MENTIONED BY SOLOMON TO THE NOSTRILS OF THE DEMONIAL, AFTER WHICH HE DREW OUT THE DEMON THROUGH HIS NOSTRILS; AND WHEN THE MAN FELL DOWN, IMMEDIATELY HE ABJURED HIM TO RETURN INTO HIM NO MORE, STILL MAKING MENTION OF SOLOMON, AND RECITING THE INCANTATIONS WHICH HE COMPOSED. AND WHEN ELEAZAR WOULD PERSUADE AND DEMONSTRATE TO THE SPECTATORS THAT HE HAD SUCH A POWER, HE SET A LITTLE WAY OFF A CUP OR BASIN FULL OF WATER, AND COMMANDED THE DEMON, AS HE WENT OUT OF THE MAN, TO OVERTURN IT, AND THEREBY LET THE SPECTATORS KNOW THAT HE HAD LEFT THE MAN; AND WHEN THIS WAS DONE THE SKILL AND WISDOM OF SOLOMON WERE SHOWN VERY MANIFESTLY."

-JOSEPHUS ("ANT." VIII. 2, § 5)



EPHESIANS 2:1-5

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

*10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh
and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the
cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of
evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of
God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having
done all, to stand firm.*

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

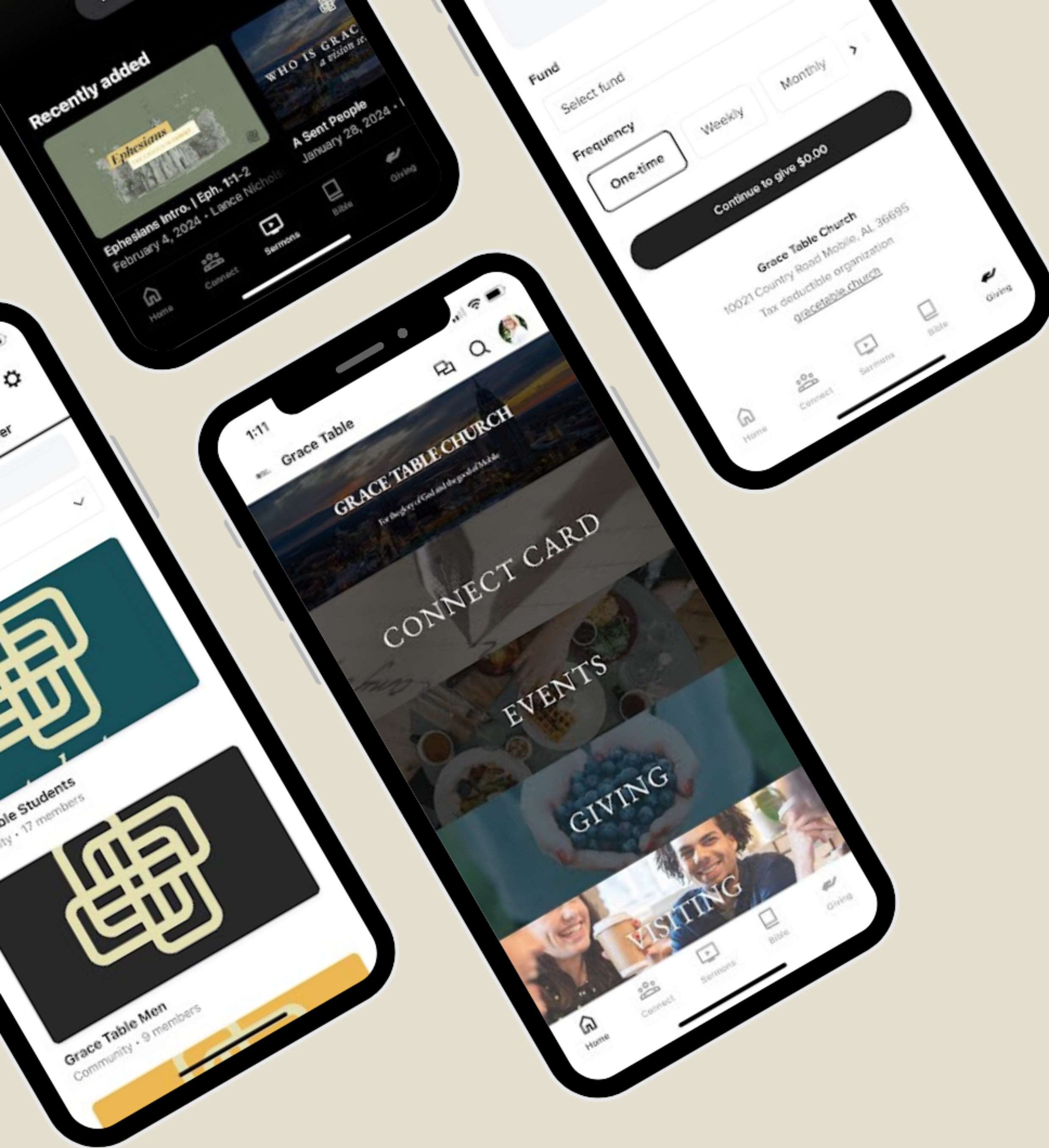
14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.



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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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