



GOSPEL STORIES:

JESUS & HIS PARABLES



CALL TO WORSHIP

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man against
whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit.*

-Psalm 32:1-2



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21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.



25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'



29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.



33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

-Matthew 18:21-35



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“And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world’s healing hinges, but on his. When he tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.”

-Corrie ten Boom, The Hiding Place



GOSPEL STORIES: FORGIVENESS BEGINS BY GRASPING THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S MERCY VS. 21-27

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Most likely thinking of Jesus instruction in vs. 15-20

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Jewish forgiveness limit = 3x (Amos 1 & 2)

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Exaggerated language for parable: Jesus is condoning slavery (which was against Jewish law)

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Utter Bankruptcy Delusional & comical; could never pay this debt
Compassion

27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

Total forgiveness, mercy, & grace

The only thing we bring to the table of salvation is the sin that makes the salvation necessary.



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LACK OF FORGIVENESS REVEALS A HEART OUT OF STEP WITH GRACE VS. 28-30

Who just received mercy & grace

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3-4 months wages

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Sin = completely irrational

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Received contempt instead of compassion

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Grace received but not extended becomes a spiritual contradiction.

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Forgiveness is not excusing, ignoring, or forgetting—it's releasing. We're not minimizing their sin; we're magnifying God's grace by extending it.



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Noticed blatant hypocrisy

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After receiving far more mercy & grace
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"That which provoked the king to wrath was not how the servant had managed the king's money but how he had managed the king's mercy." -RC Sproul



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Righteous anger

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Uses Father language (not Judge)

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Original Audience = Disciples (18:1)

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heart.”

This isn't about earning forgiveness by forgiving; it's showing that forgiveness has truly taken root. Forgiveness isn't a condition of salvation, but rather a consequence of it.

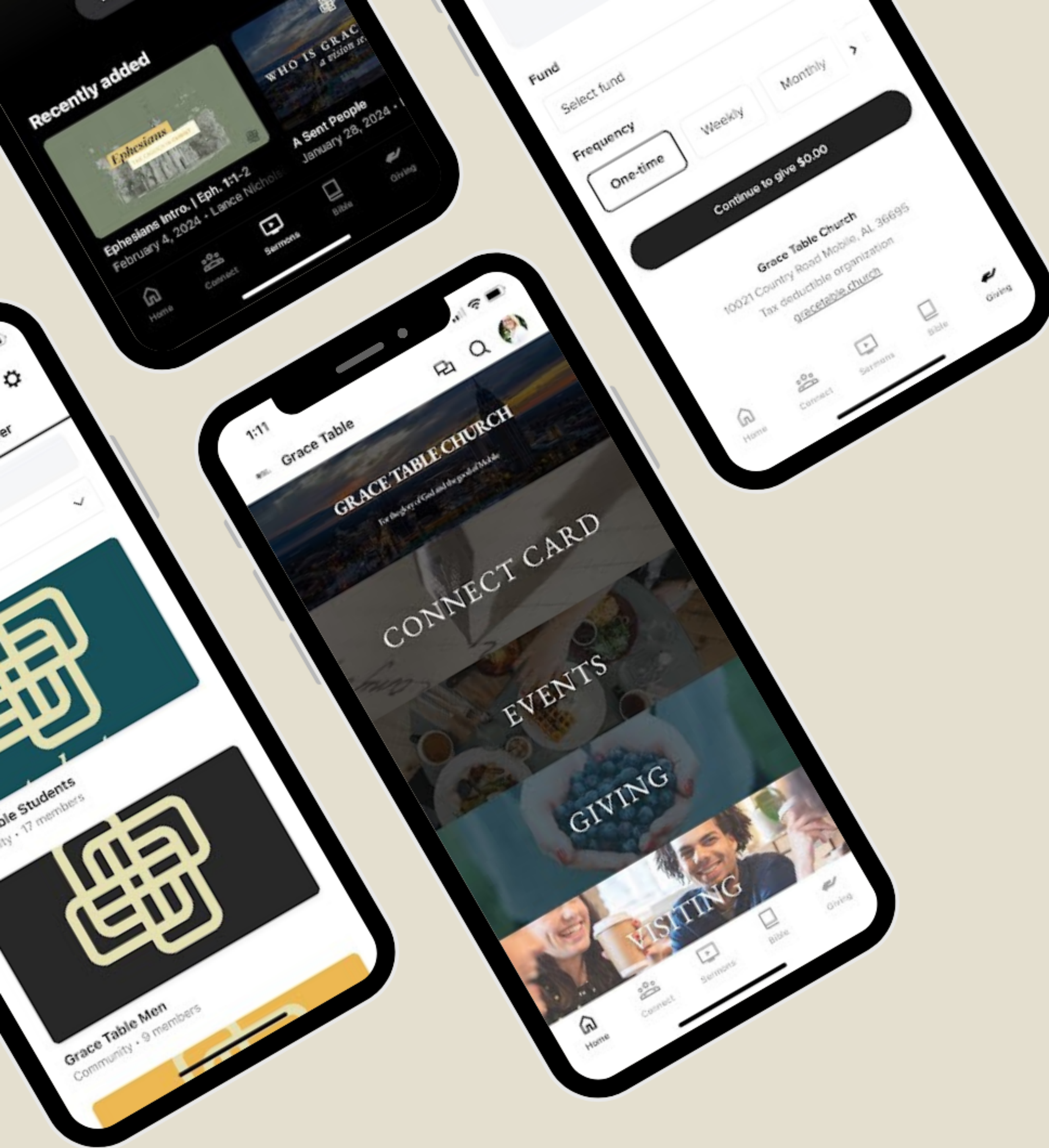




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BENEDICTION

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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