



GOSPEL STORIES:

JESUS & HIS PARABLES



CALL TO WORSHIP

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

-Psalm 103:10-13



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29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.



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36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

-Luke 10:25-37



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JOHN CALVIN'S THREEFOLD USE OF THE LAW

1.

Functions as a
mirror

*Showing us our need
of a Savior*

2.

Functions as a
guardrail

*Retains through fear
of punishment/
judgment*

3.

Functions as a
guide

*Showing us what
pleases God*



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A TREACHEROUS JOURNEY VS. 30-32

17 miles of barren wilderness

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ceremonially unclean if touched man (Lev. 21)

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Set the temple liturgy

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came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

By keeping to the letter of the law, they completely missed the heart of the law.



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THE MERCY OF GOD VS. 33-35

Hated; Seen as Halfbreeds

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them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever

more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

*This parable isn't just a model of mercy;
It's a mirror of Christ's mercy toward sinners.*



THE CROSS-SHAPED LIFE VS. 36-37

Jesus reframed the discussion: to whom can I be a loving neighbor?

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"Grace isn't opposed to effort, grace is opposed to earning." -Dallas Willard

The gospel doesn't just show us to be merciful, it empowers us to be merciful.

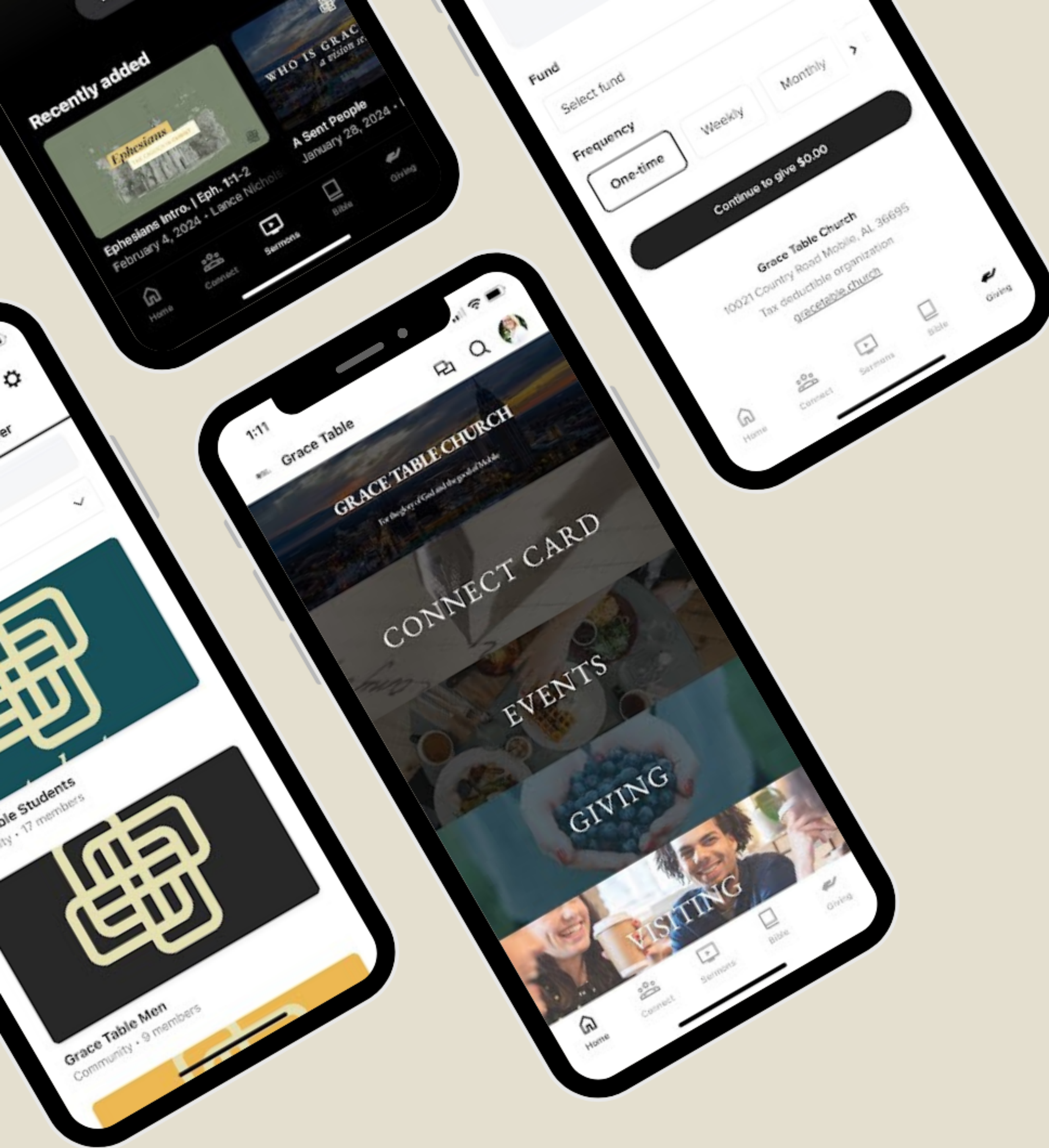




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Tonight, August 3
6-8 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

BASH

AT WOODLAND SWIM CLUB





CHURCH WIDE

WORK DAY

AT NEW FACILITY

AUGUST 9TH + 30TH / 7 AM-12 PM



The Kids Table



PROMOTION SUNDAY



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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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