

GRACE MONTHLY

MARCH 2017 EDITION

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be fully equipped to do every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17



BEING FAITHFUL

February is already over! As we launch into the new month, I want to remind you about the sermons we heard in the past month.

In the first week of February, there was a snow storm, so it was fitting that we heard a sermon titled, “*In The Midst of the Storm*” (Romans 8:38, Timothy 6:11-12). Pastor Daniel spoke about how even through the “storms” of our lives, we should *always* worship, *always* love, and *always* fight. This is because we are participants of the *unceasing* worship, *unending* love, and an *unfinished* fight in the spiritual world.

The second week focused on Esther (Esther 4:8-17) and

how to be “*A Participant in God’s Plan*”. Being a part of God’s plan requires us to see our place in the midst of everyone around us; we have the responsibility to care for the people that God has placed in our lives. When Esther feared that she might lose her life for the sake of trying to save all the Jews, Mordecai reminded her that her position as a queen has a purpose. So through all your difficult situations, never think that God is not doing anything good in your life.

The third week’s sermon highlighted a time that Jesus spent with Mary and Martha. When Jesus was invited to their home, Mary listened to Him with her full attention.

Martha, on the other hand, thought it would be best to serve Jesus by cooking. However, Jesus rebuked her. “*Being at the Feet of Jesus*” (Luke 10:38-42), means having our complete, undivided attention on Him. Giving our full attention is not easy, but takes practice. Everything we do, and everything we want to do well at, needs practice.

The final week was about “*Being Faithful for the Next Generation*” (2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-17). We looked at how Lois and Eunice “passed” on their faith to Timothy, teaching him Scripture since his childhood. Often we are distracted by the things we think are more significant than

God’s Word. We must remember that our faith impacts the people around us *now* and also the generations *after* us. Therefore we have to keep reading the Word of God to strengthen our faith.

So if I were to summarize what we have learned in February, it is this: strengthen your faith through practice, and put what you learned into action.

- Kevin Jeong, Grade 10

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

On Friday, February 10th, Grace Youth spent the entire night singing songs of worship and lifting up their prayers.



BELOVED: BROTHERS & SISTERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

This year's theme for Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Night was "Beloved". Through a series of games and activities, students of Grace Youth explored what it means to love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and as beloved children of God.

The evening began with a time of fellowship, feasting on pizza and taking fun pictures at the photobooth!



As an ice breaker, we played a game of Human Bingo. Here are some of the people that our students were looking for:

Find someone who...

- ... calls you by a nickname
- ... you hang out with outside of church
- ... doesn't know your name
- ... you recently made a phonecall to
- ... you can trust to keep your secrets
- ... keeps you accountable in your spiritual life

Are you able to find someone who satisfies these qualities? What does it tell you about the relationships that you have?

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

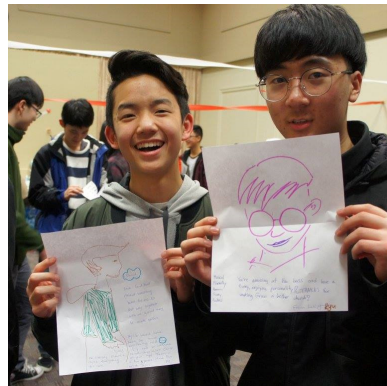


We continued the night with a game of "Pass the Present". Players passed a present - wrapped with multiple layers of wrapping paper - so long as the music was playing. Underneath each layer of gift wrap, there was a task to complete in order for participants to stay alive in the game until the gift was finally unveiled. There was lots of laughter as the number of spectators grew after each round!



"Picture Me" was the main activity. Each person received a name of an individual who was present at the event, and their goal was to secretly find out who they are, draw their portrait and also write a personalized, encouraging word to bless them.

The night closed with singing the song, "Your Beloved".



LEADERS RETREAT

From February 24-25th, the leaders of Grace Youth 2nd service took some time away together for a retreat. They spent time in worship and prayer, as well as reflecting on what it means to be a spiritual leader.



"We can lead others only as far along the road as we ourselves have traveled. Merely pointing the way is not enough. If we are not walking, then no one can be following, and we are not leading anyone."

- J. Oswald Sanders

WALKING WITH JESUS

March 1st marks the first day of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Grace Youth participates in this season of Lent by committing to reading daily devotionals and fasting weekly from various things in different areas of their life. We do this in order to focus our time and attention towards Jesus, who walked the path to death in order to give us life. Below is the daily devotional schedule and weekly fasting covenant.

WEEK 1

Cutting out junk food for a healthier diet.

Mar 1 Luke 4:1-15
 Mar 2 Luke 5:1-11
 Mar 3 Luke 5:17-26
 Mar 4 Luke 6:1-11

WEEK 2

Sacrificing selfishness to meet the needs of others.

Mar 6 Luke 6:12-26
 Mar 7 Luke 6:27-36
 Mar 8 Luke 6:37-42
 Mar 9 Luke 6:43-49
 Mar 10 Luke 7:1-10
 Mar 11 Luke 7:36-50

WEEK 3

Giving up physical food for spiritual food.

Mar 13 Luke 8:4-15
 Mar 14 Luke 8:22-25
 Mar 15 Luke 8:40-56
 Mar 16 Luke 9:18-27
 Mar 17 Luke 9:28-36
 Mar 18 Luke 10:21-24

WEEK 4

Refrain from using a device to spend quality time.

Mar 20 Luke 10:38-42
 Mar 21 Luke 11:1-13
 Mar 22 Luke 11:33-36
 Mar 23 Luke 12:4-12
 Mar 24 Luke 12:22-34
 Mar 25 Luke 12:35-48

WEEK 5

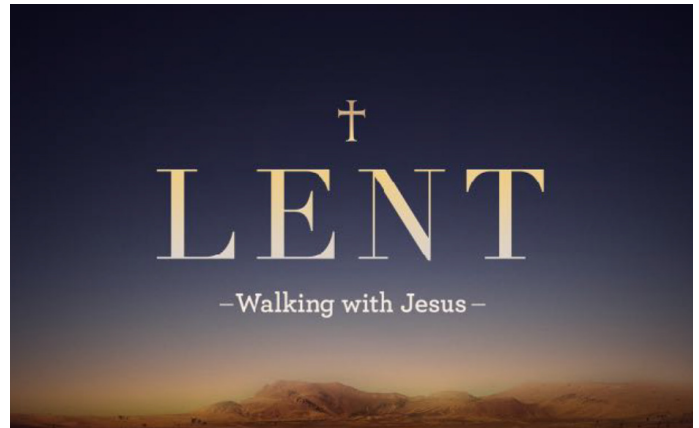
Sacrifice shopping to donate to those in need.

Mar 27 Luke 13:1-5
 Mar 28 Luke 14:25-35
 Mar 29 Luke 15:11-32
 Mar 30 Luke 16:19-31
 Mar 31 Luke 17:20-32
 Apr 1 Luke 18:15-17

WEEK 6

Cutting out social media to talk in person.

Apr 3 Luke 19:1-10
 Apr 4 Luke 20:19-26
 Apr 5 Luke 21:34-38
 Apr 6 Luke 22:1-23
 Apr 7 Luke 22:39-46
 Apr 8 Luke 22:47-71



PASSION WEEK

Giving up one hour of the day to talk to God.

Apr 10 Luke 23:1-25
Jesus Before Pilate and Herod
 Apr 11 Luke 23:26-43
Jesus' Crucifixion
 Apr 12 Luke 23:44-49
Jesus' Final Words on The Cross
 Apr 13 Luke 23:50-56
Jesus' Burial

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
 "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."*

Luke 23: 46

UPCOMING EVENTS for MARCH

Friday, **Mar 3rd** : Friday Youth Night | Parents Meeting

Friday, **Mar 10th** : Friday Youth Night

Sunday, **Mar 12th** : Newcomers Outing

Friday, **Mar 17th** : Friday Youth Night

Friday, **Mar 24th** : Praise & Worship Night

Friday, **Mar 31st** : Friday Youth Night

Please note that these scheduled events are subject to change.

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