

Welcome
to



GraceUnion
CHURCH

Encountering Grace through Jesus, right where we are.
Being moved by Grace toward all God has for us.

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WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

Thank you for joining us today! If this is your first time with us, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you.

GU SPOTLIGHT

Find out more about these events at graceunionstl.org.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS - No Practice Today

FINAL DRESS REHEARSALS: Saturday, 12/9: Pre-K @ 8:40 am; Elementary @ 9 am.



Please stay with us after service today to witness and celebrate those taking this step of faith!



Ladies please join us **TONIGHT** for a beautiful night, celebrating the Christmas season with games, delicious food & wonderful friends. All ladies 18 & up are invited. Please bring a finger food to share. Sign-up sheets for food are going to be in the foyer. Bring a wrapped gift (\$15 value max) to play in the the rob your neighbor gift exchange. Contact Karen with any questions at karenmomma@live.com.



Be sure to be with us next Sunday for our annual Children's Christmas program at 10 am! Invite your family and friends. Our kids and leaders have put in so much time and effort into preparing for this year's program. It's going to be a great service! Afterward, all are invited for pictures, cookies & milk with Santa in the Family Room.

WAYS TO CONNECT



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
Nursery—Elementary



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: gucprayer@gmail.com



SUNDAYS (Middle School) @ 10:15
WEDNESDAYS (Gr 6-12) @ 6:30PM



SUNDAYS @ 9AM
Women's Group (Conf. Room B)
Men's Group (Conf. Room A)

CONNECTION CARD

If you're new to GU, want prayer, or need to update your info, fill out a Connection Card, and put it in the Offering or the Giving Box in the lobby.

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SAVE THE DATES

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- 12/4 Food Addicts Anonymous
 - 12/9 Breakfast with Santa
 - 12/9 Kids Christmas Dress Rehearsal
 - 12/10 Children's Christmas Performance
 - 12/20 GU Students Christmas Party
 - 12/24 Christmas Eve Services (3 & 5pm)
 - 12/31 GU Students NYE Lock-in
 - 1/13 Ministry Workers Safety Training
 - 1/24 Wednesday Night Experience (NEW)
 - 1/26 Ladies Night

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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OVERFLOW (PART 5): *Awe*

I. John the Baptist's Disciples

- A. These followers of John are along with Jesus and in the early days and weeks; they see Jesus say and do countless Remarkable Things.
- Casting a demon out of a man in the synagogue.
 - Healing Peter's Mother in Law.
 - Healing Line of everyone in that town.
 - Healing a leper.
 - Healing a paralyzed man.
 - Healing a man with a crippled hand.
 - Healing the Centurion's servant.

II. Luke 7:11-17 – Raising the widows dead son in Nain

- A. This woman and this entire town would have felt FORSAKEN BY GOD.
- B. Jesus walked into their town and nobody ran up to him, nobody asked for his help.
- They are so far past a point of any hope.
- C. But when the boy stood up ALIVE, it changed everything in an instant for the Mother and for that Town.

Luke 7:16

They were all filled with Awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said, "God has come to help his people."

III. To be filled with Awe means that you come to realize your comprehension of God's Abilities and Ways is utterly incomplete.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

- A. When you recognize how far beyond you God's ways and abilities are it will cause a sense of Awe to well up in you.
- B. A sense of Awe for God gives birth to a Hope Filled Ignorance.
- This is what things look like, but I know enough to know that I don't know anything.

IV. This town was struck by a realization that God was there to Help.

- A. In the Garden of Eden, Satan planted the suspicion in Adam and Eve's heart that God was not for them but against them.
 - That suspicion has lingered in the human heart ever since.
- B. So then the Rule and the Assumption we need to start with is that God has come to help his people.
- C. **The reason this town exclaimed, that God was on their side is that it came as news to them.**
 - Everything about what they had lived through convinced them of the opposite.
- D. Don't let the fact that you cannot grasp his plan, timing, or ways cause you to misunderstand his disposition toward you.
 - Rejoice in the fact that he is for you.
 - Then hold the details of your life loosely with a proper sense of AWE.

V. These stories are a lot easier to tell than they are to live.

- A. In Luke 7:18–23 John's friends report back to John (in prison) on all they had seen.
 - Yet the once faith filled John is having doubts.
- B. Your personal grief, fear, and brokenness can cause you to lose sight of the awe you should hold, and it can distort the knowledge that God has come to help you.
 - John needed to borrow the perspective of his friends.
 - John needed to borrow the Awe his friends held for Jesus.
 - John needed to borrow their surety that God was for them (and him).

VI. Wrap Up:

- **God is for you.**
- **A sense of Awe for God overflows in a Hope Filled Ignorance.**
- **Often those in the middle of suffering will have their view obscured by their pain, this is when friendships are crucial. Sometimes we need to Overflow AWE and TRUST for others until they are themselves again able.**