

2016 Theme Verse: "So let us Know; let us press on to Know the LORD..." Hosea 6:3

Welcome to the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk

March 6, 2016

Services Today at Grace —

Elders & Deacons & Wives' Prayer: 8:45am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Class: 3 - 5 yrs. old (Kinder.)

Teacher: Carol Ann Perkins

Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: 4th - 6th grade (5A)

Teacher: Robin Predmore

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Class: Adults (6B)

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)

Teacher: Ron Muir

Class: Young Adults

Teacher: Vet Gonzalez

Praise & Worship Service: 10:45am

Children's Church for 3-5 years old & K-3rd grade after opening

DRIVEN Student Leadership: 12:30pm

Those Serving Today at Grace —

Ushers for the month of March:

Rob Kimsey - Lead, Victor Pearce, Tom Bickenbach, Vet Gonzalez

Nursery — Today 3/6

9:15am Leticia Posada
Clansy Cabrera

10:30am Ruth Hurtado
Lisa Patton

Nursery — Next Week 3/13

9:15am Josie Ramirez
Stephanie Jones

10:30am Dee Muir
Roxy Barragan

Happy Anniversary —

Don & Susan Klements March 6

Ron & Joyce Morrow March 7

Events This Week —

THE HABIT, Norwalk - Youth Fundraiser Mon., 4-9:00pm

CEF Bible Club: New River Tues., 2:30pm

Women of Grace Gathering (6B) Tues., 6:00pm

FAMILY NIGHT: ABS, DRIVEN & ROCK Wed., 6:45pm

CEF Bible Club: DDJohnston Thurs., 2:45pm

Ladies' Psalms Study Fri., 10:00am

Church Work Day Sat., 8:00am-noon

Events This Month —

Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home) Mon., 3/14, 7:00pm

Elders' Meeting (Patton home) Tues., 3/15, 7:00pm

Prayer Table Sat., 3/19, 8:00am

Heights of Grace Outreach Sat., 3/19, 11:00am

COMMUNION SERVICE Sun., 3/20, 12:15pm

Church Work Day Sat., 3/26, 8:00am

EASTER — Sunrise Service & Breakfast, Sun., 3/27, 6:30a & 7:30a

Egg Hunt at 8:30a; Easter Celebration Service at 9:00a - Sanctuary

For The Record —

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 56, Worship Service: 124

Church Announcements

HEIGHTS OF GRACE: Our next outreach to Boyle Heights will be on Sat., March 19th. Please meet at the church at 11:00am for a brief meeting before we head out to Boyle Heights. If you have any questions, please see Vet or Jen Gonzalez.

READING GROUP: Pastor Jeff is looking for others to join him in reading a book: Depression: Looking Up from the Stubborn Darkness by Edward T. Welch. Many struggle with depression or struggle to know how to help someone who struggles. Join us in reading this easy-to-understand, biblically-based book. Please order your own book on-line at Christianbook.com.

ELIJAH'S PANTRY: It's filling up! Thank you so much. For those who have asked, we could use some peanut butter, cereals, powdered milk and whatever else you would like to donate. Please drop off your donations in the church office. Thanks again for your great generosity.

THANK YOUs: *Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for your prayers on my behalf. You have also blessed me with meals, cookies and flowers; God bless you for your thoughtfulness. You are in my prayers, Beverly Adams*

Dear Grace Brethren Family, We are filled with immense gratitude and appreciation for our thoughtful and extremely generous baby shower. Everything was done beautifully and it completely blew us away. It is a tremendous blessing to have such an amazing church family encouraging us in our new journey.

We Love You All, the Kamron Jones Family

Join us for Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.

6:30a.m. – Sunrise Service

7:30a.m. – Breakfast

8:30a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

9:00a.m. – Easter Celebration



He Has Risen!

Note from Pastor:

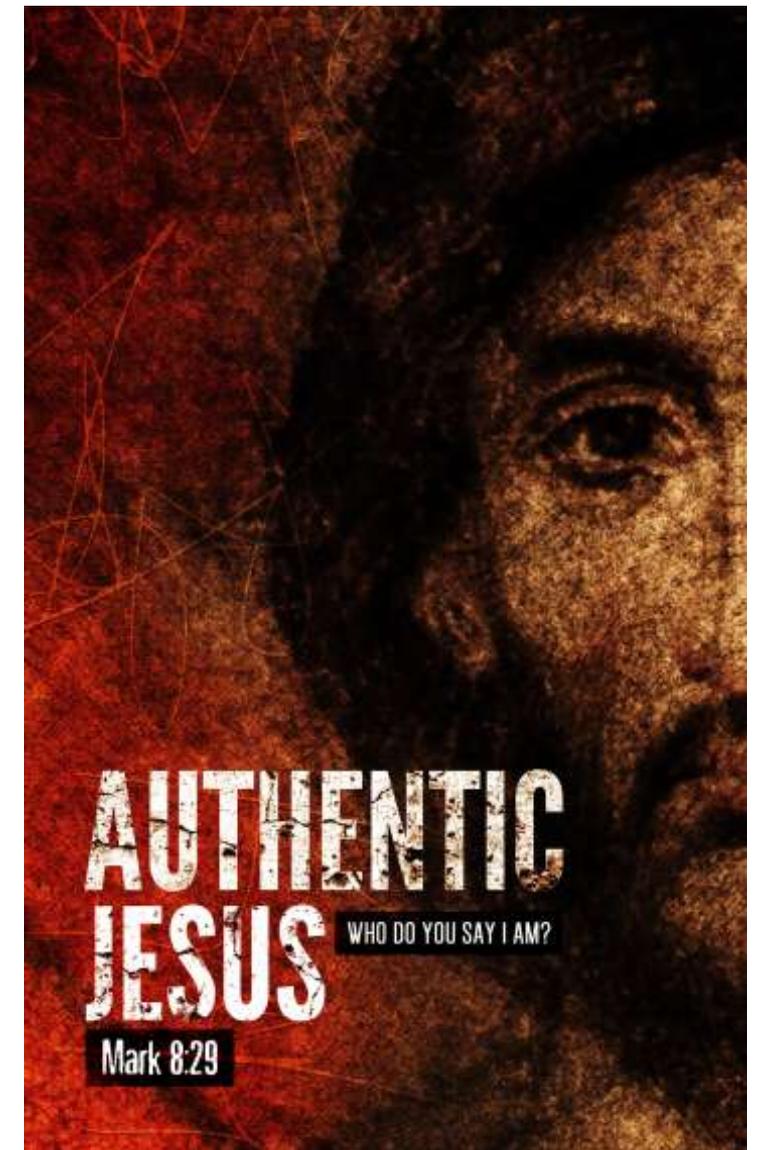
“Addiction”

New Ways of Seeing and Walking Free, Part 8

“The unfolding of Your words gives life; it gives understanding to the simple.”

(Psalm 119:130) In this series we have highlighted some biblical metaphors for addiction (idolatry, adultery, foolishness, disease/illness, being attacked by wild beasts) to help us understand God’s perspective on the issue. These metaphors have clearly highlighted something: principles for change for addiction are similar to those for any other sin problem. And to overcome life-dominating sin in our life, we have to “stay violent” against it. **Matthew 11:12; 18:8**, says, *“...the Kingdom of God was forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.”* **There is a mean streak to authentic self-control.**

Self-control is not for the timid. Underneath the surface of those we admire who are not ruled by their desires is the heart of a warrior. Listen closely my dear friends. Do you want to grow in self-control (in any area in your life)? If so, you must do two things daily: 1) Nurture an exuberance for Jesus Christ, and 2) Demand of yourself a hatred for sin. It cannot be one or the other; it must be both. When was the last time you said “no” to something, out of obedience to Christ, when it actually was hard to say “no”? Maybe it’s easy for you to say “no” to cocaine, but your eyes linger too long in lust. Maybe you can say “no” to the second or third drink, but you will never miss dessert, though you vow every week to change your eating habits. ***Whatever earthly desire doesn’t take “no” for an answer is a lust that surpasses your desire for Jesus Himself.*** Please remember that ***self-control isn’t merely an exercise in self-improvement. It is an essential discipline in a high-stakes spiritual battle.*** The only possible attitude toward out-of-control desires is a declaration of all-out war. Actually, the war has been declared. The enemy has already made a preemptive strike; sinful desires already “war against your soul.” **(1 Peter 2:11)** We simply need to be awakened by faith to engage in a counterattack! *“Be very careful how you live. Put on the full armor of God. Prepare your minds for action. Make every effort. Be self-controlled and alert.”* **(Ephesians 5:15; 6:11; 1 Peter 1:13; 5:5; 2 Peter 1:5)** These verses are battle cries, and Scripture is full of them. This is not traditional warfare where the enemy lines up and we do battle. It is modern warfare in which we are not always sure where the enemy lurks. It is guerilla warfare. There are strategically placed snipers. If we let down our guard for even one moment, the village we thought was safe, suddenly opens fire on us! Spiritual warfare, trying to gain self-control, tends to be especially covert. Even addicts can appear to be managing their lives well. But looks are deceiving. Our problem is that we often forget that we are in a war. The good thing about “declaring war” on our addictions and on our lack of self-control in any area, is that there is something about war that sharpens our senses, makes us more alert, makes us sensitive to the hiding enemy. And so, to overcome life-dominating sin (addiction), we must first make a declaration of war against sin and against our own lack of self-control. Next time, we will learn more about how to do that.



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