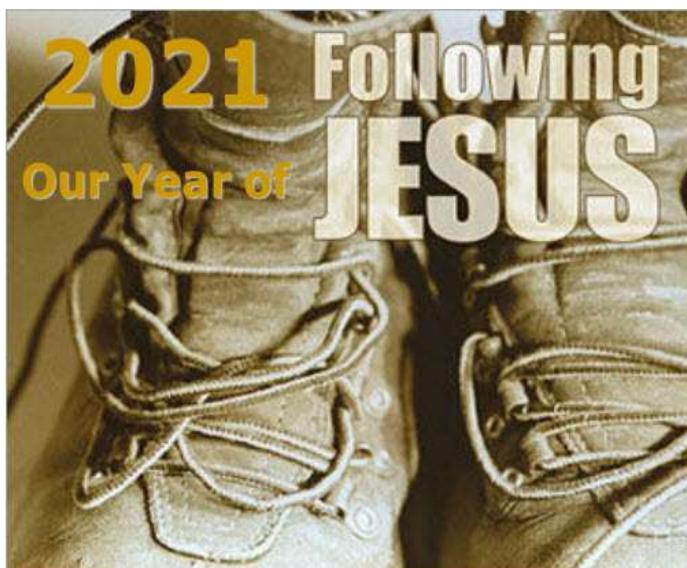


Welcome To  
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**Colossians 2:6,7**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, SO WALK IN HIM rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



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May 02,

# Services at Grace

Praise & Worship Service 10:00am

Pastor Roy Halberg

Sermon title

**“BECOMING A PERSON OF  
COMPASSION”**

**Weekly Theme Passage:  
MARK 1:40-45**

**We welcome our guests today and if you are new to Grace and/or are looking for a way to connect and serve, text the word “CONNECT” to 562.444.1211 and we will text you occasional updates and happenings at GRACE. We are so glad you are here today!**



- 1) Go to [www.gracelive.com](http://www.gracelive.com) and click on the YouTube link on the homepage  
**OR**
- 2) Go directly to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and search for 'Grace Norwalk' and then click on the link for our church

If you are having any trouble connecting, we will record the service in both audio and video and will have it posted to our website after the service is over.

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## **Getting To Know Jesus Better In 2021**

**3 chapters each day takes you through the 4 gospels in 30 days**  
***Chapters for the week of May 3 -May 9 in the book of Matthew 7-27***

Monday	Matthew 7-9		
Tuesday	10 -12	Friday	19-21
Wednesday	13 -15	Saturday	22-24
Thursday	16-18	Sunday	25-27



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robin Predmore	Mon	May 03
Linda Headley	Tue	May 04

Worship Service	Sun	May 02	10:00am
Women's Small Group (zoom)	Mon	May 03	7:00pm
Men's Small Group	Tue	May 04	6:30am
Elders Meeting	Tue	May 04	4:00pm
Gonzalez Small Group	Tue	May 04	7:00pm
Midweek Bible Study	Wed	May 05	6:30pm
Worship Team Practice	Thu	May 06	6:00pm
Small Group	Fri	May 07	6:30pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Service (Mother's Day)	Sun	May 09	10:00am
Women's Small Group (Zoom)	Mon	May 10	7:00pm
Men's Small Group	Tue	May 11	6:30am
Women of Grace Recap of Study	Tue	May 11	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group	Tue	May 11	7:00pm
Midweek Bible Study	Wed	May 12	6:30pm
Worship Team Practice	Thu	May 13	6:00pm

## Prayer

Our condolences to Eddie Morales on the passing of his Father this passed week. Our thoughts and prayers for the Morales family.

## Join Us for 30- Days of Prayer for Muslims During Ramadan April 13-May 12

Because the message of the gospel being shared by workers on the ground accompanied by the powerful prayers of God's people will result in breakthroughs-with light penetrating spiritual blindness. There are a lot of great ways to spend 30 days, but spending them shining the light of the gospel on the hearts of lost people through prayer is one of the best. Join us by subscribing to

<https://www.encompassworldpartners.org/ramadan-prayer-2021>

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the glory of Christ...God ...made this light shine in our hearts."

II Corinthians 4:4

## On mission! By grace!

**Mark Penfold, DMin. Chaplain (Colonel) US Army Retired Endorsing Agent Charis Fellowship/FGBC**

### **April 2021 Update**

During my almost 30 years of military service, I did not experience many of the stressors that our current military (and chaplains) are experiencing. During most of my years of service, the military was sufficiently funded, there was a clear purpose to most deployments and the military culture itself remained solid. But as American culture has frayed in recent years, those fissures impact the military as well. Jesus' words in Matthew 24:6-8 are familiar to many of you. But verse 7 "nation rising up against nation" seems to be a self-fulfilling prophecy about American culture now.

These internal challenges – some say "existential crises" - are all across our nation. The things that so many Americans trusted as bedrock to their beliefs are proving to be shifting sands. But when the personal, national and cultural foundations start to crumble, we know that there is ONE MESSAGE, ONE PERSON, ONE HOPE upon we can be sure. Our chaplains, along with many other chaplains who are evangelical, have unique opportunities and open doors to share the Gospel with servicemembers, national leaders and veterans. But they need our support, our prayers as they move to the front of the formation to speak TRUTH and GRACE. Pray for God's strength, protection and anointing on them and their families as they serve faithfully in very challenging days.

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**Attendance Last Week:** In-Person Service: 67    Online Viewed: 32

## Avocados Available in the Courtyard



Avocados are here! Swing by the Grace Courtyard after the service today and pick up some avocados. All donations given will go to support our Grace Kids Ministry.

## BECOMING A PERSON OF COMPASSION

Mark 1:40-45

Pastor Roy Halberg

→ Every follower of Jesus is expected to display Christ-like compassion for others

### 1. JESUS CONSISTENTLY \_\_\_\_\_ COMPASSION FOR ME

-I can see what it looks like...how it behaves...how it lives out in a life

Mt 14:14; 15:32; 20:29-39; Lk 7:11-16

### 2. GOD CONSISTENTLY \_\_\_\_\_ TO COMPASSION

A. Compassion is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the character of God (Ps 86:15, 111:4, 112:4, 145:8)

-He is "full of compassion/mercy/lovingkindness" (Ex 34:6; Ps 78:38; Lam 3:22)

B. Compassion is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the people of God

Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8; Eph 4:32; Col 3:12

→ God doesn't call me to \_\_\_\_\_ compassion in others,

He calls me to \_\_\_\_\_ compassion in my life

### SO WHAT?

#### HOW DO I CULTIVATE COMPASSION IN MY LIFE?

1. Admit my callous, cynical, indifference—my \_\_\_\_\_ -
2. Ask God to give you compassion and make you a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Soak your mind in scriptures about compassion-  
(Lk 7:11-16; 10:33-34; Jms 1:27; 1Jn 3:17)
4. Learn to see People \_\_\_\_\_ . . . He saw them as they really are (Mt 9:36)
5. Find contemporary models to emulate: who is your \_\_\_\_\_?
6. See \_\_\_\_\_ as opportunities for you to learn greater compassion  
for others (2 Cor 1:3-7)
7. Pray with people as well as for them

### NOW WHAT?

1. Take a Personal inventory
  - A. Am I truly grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - B. Do I reflect \_\_\_\_\_ from my life to others?
  - C. Who has God placed near me that I can \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Take Action . . . compassion is an action word . . . it begins \_\_\_\_\_ but moves quickly to \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
3. Pray: confess lack of compassion, ask for compassion, & commit to steps of obedience
4. Try it: Ask someone this week, "How can I pray for you?"

# Ask People How You Can Pray for Them

Excerpted from Donald S. Whitney, *Simplify Your Spiritual Life*

Over and over I've seen one simple question open people's hearts to hear the gospel.

Until I asked this question, they showed no interest in spiritual matters. But then after six words—only seventeen letters in English—I've seen people suddenly begin to weep and their resistance fall. The question is, "How can I pray for you?"

This may not seem like such a powerful question to you. Perhaps that's because you hear it, or a question like it, quite often. Your Bible study group or your church prayer meeting asks for prayer requests every week. You may even see requests for prayer solicited each Sunday morning in the worship bulletin.

But realize that most people in the world *never* hear such a question. And while many churchgoers know that a pastor is willing to pray for them, in some traditions they're expected to make a special donation to the church for such services. So when you ask, "How can I pray for you?" and it's obvious that you're asking out of love alone, it can touch a person more deeply than you imagine.

This question is similar to one that Jesus Himself sometimes asked: "What do you want me to do for you?" (Matthew 20:32). For what we are really asking is, "What do you want me to ask Jesus to do for you?" And by means of this question, we can show the love of Christ to people and open hearts previously closed to the gospel.

I had tried to talk about the things of God many times to a business-hardened, retired executive who lived next door. He was a pro at hiding his feelings and keeping conversations at a superficial level. But the day we stood between our homes and I asked, "How can I pray for you?" his eyes filled with tears as his façade of self-sufficiency melted. For the first time in seven years he let me speak with him about Jesus.

It's a short, easily remembered question. You can use it with longtime friends or with people you've just met. It doesn't seem too personal or pushy for those who'd rather give you a shallow answer just now, and yet it often leads to a full hearing of the gospel. You can ask it of people nearly every time you speak with them and it doesn't get old. Just simply and sincerely ask, "How can I pray for you?" You'll be surprised at the results.

*People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care*