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\$55,463.00

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WEEKLY NEWS!

#1. VBS

Have you signed the kids up for VBS yet? Happening on June 26 - 29, this is for all kids 4 yr old through 5th Grade. This year's theme is Royal Quest and it will be a week of adventures as we seek the Eternal Kingdom. Register online.

#2. GROWTH TRACK

This month, Growth Track is being offered on Tues, April 18 at 6 PM. Please RSVP on today's connect card or online.

#3. WARRIOR CONFERENCE

A men's weekend away to inspire your faith on May 11-13 at Trout Lake Camp. All the details and registration is online at warriorconferencemn.com.

#4. ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Grace's Annual Celebration is happening on Sun, April 23. During the services we will celebrate God's goodness throughout the last year. And we will take a look at the upcoming year. After 2nd service, everyone is invited to stay for the business meeting. Stay after services today for a Q & A with our elders about Grace's budgeting process.

DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

APRIL 16 // WEEK 2 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

When we get under the things that God put over us, we will get over the things that God put under us.

1. Understand that blessing is always on the other side of obedience.

MICMASH

What have you done?' asked Samuel. Saul replied, 'When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash, I thought, "Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favor." So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering. - 1 Samuel 13:11-12

"I saw... I thought... I felt..."

I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. - Isaiah 14:13-14

2. Recognize that partial obedience is disobedience.

AMALEKITES

"But I did obey the LORD," Saul said. "I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.

The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal." - 1 Samuel 15:20-21

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." - 1 Samuel 15:22

Most of us are educated above our level of obedience.

For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. - 1 Samuel 15:23

3. Realize that dismissing God-given authority is missing God-given opportunity.

CAVES

Maturity is developed better through obedience than time.

CAMPING

"Don't destroy him, for who can lift a hand against the LORD's anointed and be blameless?" David added, "As the LORD lives, the LORD will certainly strike him down: either his day will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. However, because of the LORD, I will never lift my hand against the LORD's anointed." - 1 Samuel 26:9-11

We all have a choice to be over or under authority.

He who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. - Romans 13:2

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him. - Acts 5:32

Grace is entirely based on the obedience of Jesus.

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. - Romans 5:19

You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it. - John 14:14

If you love Me, keep My commands. - John 14:15

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever. - John 14:16