

## FROM GRIEF TO GLORY

Steve Friesen

The Tough Tests of a Good God  
Life of Joseph, Part 1  
Genesis 37, 39

### I. Facing the Tests

A. The Test of \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen. 37:18-28, 36

B. The Test of \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen. 39:1-6

C. The Test of \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen. 39:7-12

D. The Test of \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen. 39:13-23

### II. Passing the Tests

A. Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
"The Lord was with Joseph..." (39:2, 3, 21, 23)

B. Draw on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
"The Lord made him prosper..." (39:3, 23)

C. Trust the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
"It was not you who sent me here, but God..." (45:8)

#### KEY:

I a: personal rejection, I b: hard service, I c: sexual enticement,  
1d: unjust imprisonment, II a: presence, II b: power, II c: plan

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April 3, 2016

# FROM GRIEF TO GLORY: EMBRACING THE BIGGER STORY

THE TOUGH TESTS OF A GOOD GOD

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

## TODAY@GRACE - April 3, 2016

### Worship

9am & 10:30am  
Nursery & Nursing mothers room available

### Adult & Children's Sunday School

9am & 10:30am  
Complete list of classes available @ Connection Desk

### Starting Point

12pm ~ Fireside Room

### Missions Update: Abigail Paden

2:30pm ~ Fireside Room

we extend our condolences to...  
Howard and Ann Beth Birky for the loss of Howard's sister, Grace Busenitz, on Friday, March 25, 2016.

sign up station in the foyer  
Homeless Shelter Sign Up

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Dear Guests,

*Thank you for worshipping with us. We realize there are many places you could be on a Sunday morning. We are so glad you are here! If you need any assistance, please see an usher or visit our Connection Desk.*

*If you are a **first-time guest**, please complete the Communication Card (attached to the worship folder) and bring it to the Connection Desk in the foyer to receive a free gift as a thank-you for visiting.*

*You may notice that no **offering basket** is passed during today's service. Baskets are at the doors. We invite guests to receive the blessings of this morning's service without feeling compelled to give.*

Grace Community Church Family

## LIFE@GRACE

### freedom 2017 update

We were able to cut off another \$25,000 strip from the graphic in the Fireside hallway! We now have in pledges and gifts \$205,750 towards our goal of raising \$375,000 to be debt free in 2017! If you have not made a pledge please pick up a green pledge card at the Connection Desk.

### men's prayer & fellowship breakfast canceled

The April 16 Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast has been canceled.

### starting point

**Today, April 3 | 12pm-1:30pm | Fireside Room**  
New to Grace? Come to Starting Point to learn more about GCC! Childcare and pizza are provided at no cost!

### mission update: abigail paden

**Sunday, April 3 | 2:30pm | Fireside Room**  
Abigail Paden will be sharing more details about her ministry in Asia! All are welcome to attend.

### grace foundations

**Sundays, Beginning April 10 | 10:30am | Fireside Room**  
This four-week class covers the basics of what Christians believe and what the Christian life looks like. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

### serve at the homeless shelter

**April 13-19 | Harvey County Homeless Shelter (HCHS)**  
If you are interested in taking a meal or spending time at the shelter during our week, please contact Brandon Buerge at [microflight@gmail.com](mailto:microflight@gmail.com) or visit the Sign Up Station today.

### amigo 18 party & report night

**Sunday, April 17 | 6:30pm | Fireside Room**  
Everyone interested in hearing about the Amigo family mission trip to Mexico are welcome to join in at the Amigo 18 party and report night! Please bring a snack to share.

### guitar workshop

**Sunday, April 23 | 9am | Fireside Room**  
Have you considered playing guitar on the worship team or Igniter? You're invited to the workshop and to enjoy some donuts! From beginners to experts, all guitarists are encouraged to attend! Contact Pastor Kyle at the church office with any questions.

## THIS WEEK & BEYOND

### April

- 9 Sparks-A-Rama & Awana Games 8am-1pm Immanuel BC (Wichita)
- 10 Grace Foundations #1 10:30am Fireside Room
- 13 Grace's week to serve at HCHS through April 19
- 14 Elders 6pm Fireside Room
- 17 Amigo 18 Party & Report Night 6:30pm Fireside Room
- 19 Legacy 6:30pm Fireside Room
- 23 Guitar Workshop 9am Fireside Room
- 24 TeamBuild Volunteer In-Service 9am Activity Center (All SS on break)
- 24 Evening Prayer & Family Worship 7pm Fireside Room
- 27 Awana Awards Night 6:45pm Worship Center
- 29 Men's Retreat Forsyth, MO through May 1

### May

- 5 National Day of Prayer Breakfast 6:30am Fireside Room
- 8 Child Dedications (Mother's Day - MS/HS Igniter on break)
- 15 Graduation Sunday
- 21 Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast 7:30am Fireside Room

### Grace Community Church Ministry Team:

**Senior Pastor:** Dave Reimer  
**Counseling, Discipleship:** Steve Friesen  
**Student Ministries:** Loren Kurtz  
**Worship & Community Life:** Kyle Schanbacher  
**GraceKids:** Juli Dirks  
**Nursery Director:** Lori Jordan

### Grace Network Churches:

**Grace Community Fellowship (Hillsboro):** Adam Utecht  
**Grace Crossing (Moundridge):** Jason Rains  
**New Anthem Community Church (Park City):** Landon Jordan

### Board of Elders:

**Chairman:** Joe Freud  
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## STATISTICS FROM MARCH 27

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 947

GENERAL OFFERING \$6,538  
FREEDOM 2017 \$3,340

## GIVING

Automatic and online giving available at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) or scan the QR Code.

**Fiscal year** as of 2/29/2016:  
Income \$171,293  
Budget \$214,317

