



February 19, 2023

***Why Following Jesus
Is Not Easy***



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Welcome to Grace!

We at Grace Church of Central Point would like to welcome you to our service today! Please join us as we seek to grow in the Lord's grace and knowledge with worshipful music and study in His Word.

OUR TIME OF WORSHIP

Please remember to silence your cell phone

COME JUST AS YOU ARE

OPENING PRAYER

YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

YOUR GREAT NAME

OUR GOD SAVES

SCRIPTURE READING

YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

MESSAGE – PASTOR MARK PITROFF

CLOSING – OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

In Service to Him

Interim Pastor – Mark Pitroff

Assistant Pastor – Howard Glosser

Music Coordination – Roy A Bates

Music – Roy A. Bates, Kerry Blackburn, Jim Hibbs, Tamara Fielding

Usher – Ron Walch

K to 5th & Children's Church – Kim Pence & Mary Pitroff

Teens – Jim Hibbs, Roy A Bates

Overcomers – Danielle Hvall

Adult Sunday School – Steve Ashton

This Week at Grace

- Today** Sunday School Today.....10:00 am
Worship Service.....11:00 am
(Worship Service is also live stream on Facebook)
(Audio Sermon also available by phone 541-727-0939)
- Tuesday** Women's Bible Study..... None This Week
(Genesis)
Men's Bible Study.....5:30 pm
- Wednesday** Mid-Week Prayer meeting.....6:30 pm
- Thursday** Women's Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Bible Bookmarks for February are Available

The Bible Bookmarks can help you accomplish the new year's goal of reading through the Bible. Pick one up off the back counter or on our website www.gracechurchcp.org/resources

Sunday Sermons

Want to hear the previous week's Sermon but don't have internet? Just dial 541-727-0939 on your phone.

Church Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the prayer chain or you would like to be added to the Grace church prayer chain, please contact Cathleen Winchell at prayer@gracechurchcp.org or use the prayer form on our website or call (520) 599-1803.

WHY FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT EASY

John 6:56-71

⁵⁶ *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.* ⁵⁷ *Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.* ⁵⁸ *This is the bread that came down from heaven.*

I. DISRUPTION (v. 59-61)

⁵⁹ *On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"*

Following Jesus was no longer going to be E_____

II. DESCRIPTION (v. 62-65)

⁶³ *The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.* ⁶⁴ *Yet there are some of you who do not believe."*

1. Did they really need one more M _____ to understand Jesus?

2. Jesus words must be understood S _____ if they are going to be understood at all.

III. DESERTION (v. 66)

⁶⁶ *From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.*

They had quickly embraced Jesus without fully grasping what that would C _____ them.

IV. DETERMINATION (v. 67)

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

What we are to really want is J _____ H _____, not just His B _____.

V. DECLARATION (v. 68-69)

⁶⁸ *Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* ⁶⁹ *We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."*

1. The true believer does not Q _____!

2. The true believer becomes more C _____ as time goes on

VI. DETERIORATION (v. 70-71)

⁷⁰ *Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"*

1. Not all of them B _____

2. There are those that A _____ to be with you, but they never have been and never will be.

When it comes to Jesus...

a. Do you view the message of Jesus as I _____?

b. We have a tendency to desire a "god" in O _____ I _____, than submit to God who conforms us to H _____ I _____.

Jesus, I believe in You and I want to receive Your forgiveness. Lord, thank You for loving me enough to die for me. Come into my life and be my Lord to lead me from here on out. And, it's in Jesus name I pray. Amen.