

FROM HERE TO THERE

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From here to there: The journey of becoming people who reflect the character & attitude of Jesus in our lives.

Embarking on the Journey Exodus 13:17-22

Step One: Set the TRAJECTORY

- Key Question: who or what is leading you?

Step Two: Prepare for the JOURNEY; let go of expectations.

Step Three: FAITHFULNESS on the journey. Exodus 14:1-9

- Sometimes there are DETOURS. Trust that God is purposeful.
- Faithfulness to follow God may look FOOLISH. Trust that God's way is best.
- Sometimes you will feel LOST. Trust that God has a plan.

Roadmap to navigate being stuck between a rock & a hard place

Exodus 14:10-20

REALIZE that hard situations can distort our perspective.

RECOGNIZE the first response.

- Fear, panic, complaint
- TEMPTATION - to find an escape route. Escape routes are UNHEALTHY & UNHOLY alternatives to God's plan.

Responding Rightly

Do not be AFRAID. Stand FIRM. Be STILL.

Avoid getting STUCK; stay ENGAGED.

How do we learn to respond rightly?

1. REMEMBER - God is purposeful.
2. REFRAME our thinking. Ask God to help us to see where He is showing us His glory & strength even in adversity.
3. Be READY to see God move.
4. RECOGNIZE how God delivers. Sometimes God delivers us out of our circumstances & sometimes He delivers us through our circumstances.
5. RECOMMIT - Renew faith & commit to following.

Reflection & Application

REFLECT: Where have you seen God's strength, glory & provision revealed in your life most recently? Write down or recount the story?

EVALUATE the trajectory of your life; where are you headed? Who or what is guiding you?

Actively ENGAGE: What is the next step God is asking you to take?

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

20s DINER (POSTPONED)

Due to the forecast 20s Diner will be next Sunday, April 22 after second service & third service in the Activity Center. Bring a friend!

SAVE YOUR STUFF

GracePoint Preschool is going to have a Rummage Sale Fundraiser on Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5. If you'd like to donate items, please bring them to the GracePoint trailer (located outside under the pergola) beginning the week of April 30. We will not be accepting adult clothing, but will take newborn-youth large clothing. If you have questions or are planning to donate large items, contact Brandy Eidsness at the preschool (692-7217 or preschool@gracepointwesleyan.org). We are also looking for volunteers to help organize & price items. Again contact Brandy if you're willing to help. Thank you for your support!

NOMINATIONS

GracePoint is currently accepting nominations for the 2018/2019 church year.

Positions include:

Member at large - local board of administration (must be a member)

Treasurer - local board of administration (must be a member)

Secretary - local board of administration (must be a member)

Trustee - local board of administration (must be a member)

Delegate to the District Conference - June 27 (must be a member)

Nominating forms are located at the Info Center & will be accepted until Sunday, April 29. To nominate someone, you must be a member. Please turn in nominations at the Info Center or in the church office.



*Please place your bulletin shell in the black recycle bins; NO CUPS OR TRASH!