



Zephaniah

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Leadership Lessons (2 Kings 22-23):

1. Great leaders FOLLOW God before they LEAD others.
2. Great leaders know that COMPLACENCY has real CONSEQUENCES.
3. Great leaders are not afraid to CALL people to COMMITMENT.
4. Even a RIGHTEOUS leader cannot RESOLVE the heart of the problem.

Prophetic Promises (Zephaniah 1-3)

1. God will hold leaders ACCOUNTABLE who mishandle their AUTHORITY.
2. Our personal WEALTH will not protect us from God's coming WRATH.
3. God will SAVE anyone who SEEKS Him.
4. It's BAD NEWS when God's people forget their GOSPEL mission.
5. God invites us to put our HOPE in HIM!
6. Only God can take our PAIN and turn it into PRAISE!

(Scripture references: Zephaniah 1-3; 2 Kings 22-23; James 3:1; Hebrews 12:28-29; Romans 10:12-13; Matthew 11:28-30)

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Youth Wednesdays Kick-Off | August 21

Parents, you are invited to come meet the youth leaders and see what your kiddos are up to on Wednesday nights throughout the school year! The meet & greet and preservice hangout will begin at 6:30pm before we start service at 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you there! Got questions? Email leti@gracechico.org.

Mac Powell Concert | August 30

Join us at 7pm for an intimate acoustic evening of worship and stories with singer-songwriter Mac Powell, former lead singer of Third Day! \$30 VIP includes early entry and meet & greet. \$20 General Admission
This event will sell out. Tickets on our Events page.



Grace Groups Fall Session | September 1

Groups offer a fun, safe, and encouraging environment to make friends and grow in Christ together. Groups meet in three seven-week sessions each year. Signups begin on September 1 and groups start September 15. Don't miss the fall session! To join a group, visit gracechico.org/groups.

Essentials Courses

Take the next step in your faith! Gospel Essentials: a 6-week class on the basics of the Christian faith. Grace Essentials: a 7-week class on how to be a disciple of Jesus that covers prayer, sharing your faith, church membership and more. Ministry Essentials: a 4-week class to help you discover your God-given gifts. Please register.



Registration and information can be found on our [website](http://gracechico.org), on our [Church Center App](#), or by scanning the [QR code](#) here.



Vision Sunday

Join us on **August 25** for Vision Sunday at Grace Community Church, where we'll unveil the exciting vision God has for our campus, city, and the world in the coming year. Experience firsthand how God is on the move and discover how you can be a part of this incredible journey. Our services at 9am, 11am, and 1pm will be followed by our Annual Meeting at 2:30pm. During the meeting, members will vote on the 2024-2025 Elder Team and interact with our staff as they share ministry highlights and plans for the upcoming season. Don't miss this opportunity to engage and participate in what God is doing through our church!

2024-2025 ELDER CANDIDATES

Cory Trento

Cory came to faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 12. He has raised his family at Grace since joining the Grace family in 2003. Cory has served faithfully in ministries like the Prayer Team, Upward Basketball, Student Ministry, and has led Grace Groups. Cory has served on the Elder Board since 2013. Cory and his wife, Kristina, have been married for 27 years, and they have three adult sons.



Dennis Landers

Raised in a Christian home, Dennis accepted Jesus into his heart at the age of 12. Since coming to Grace in 2012, he has served in the Upward Basketball program, the Safety Team, the Welcome Team, as a Grace Group leader, and Elder. Together, Dennis and his wife, Bev, have five children and 16 grandchildren.



Jim Richards

Jim came to faith in Jesus in 1974 and was active in Campus Crusade and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship ministries throughout his college years. He has been a member of Grace since 1995. Since then, Jim has served on the Prayer Team, Cup of Grace, and various leadership teams. Jim and his wife, Julie, have led small groups at Grace for over 25 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren.



Leroy Christophersen

At the age of five, Leroy accepted Jesus as his Savior through Grace's Children's Ministry. In over 53 years as a Christian, two things have been constant: Grace Community Church and the realization of the truth of 1 Timothy 1:14-16. He and his wife, Judy, have been married 38 years, and have two grown daughters. More and more, his greatest joy is seeing 3 John 4 lived out in them.



Patrick Henson

Patrick became a follower of Christ at 8 years old. As an adult, he recommitted his life to God and began attending Grace in 1999. Since then, he has served in Upward Basketball, Cup of Grace, Student Ministry, Grace Groups, and Children's Ministry. He has been serving as an Elder since 2014. Patrick and Katie have been married for 17 years and have two beautiful daughters with whom they are instilling God's eternal promises and hopefully others along the way.



You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1-2