

## NEW TO GC?

Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!

## WELCOME!

Last week I shared that several years ago I served a church for nine months as their interim minister. During that time there were two common comments sent my way: one was that it was a time for grieving, and the other was that it was a time for healing.

The happier side of this is connected to grieving. When done correctly, grieving ends with a sense of healing.

The other side is healing as recovery from hurt. The sad reality is that ministers hurt people. Sometimes it is intentional; most times (I hope), it is inadvertent. In many cases the minister never knows they hurt you.

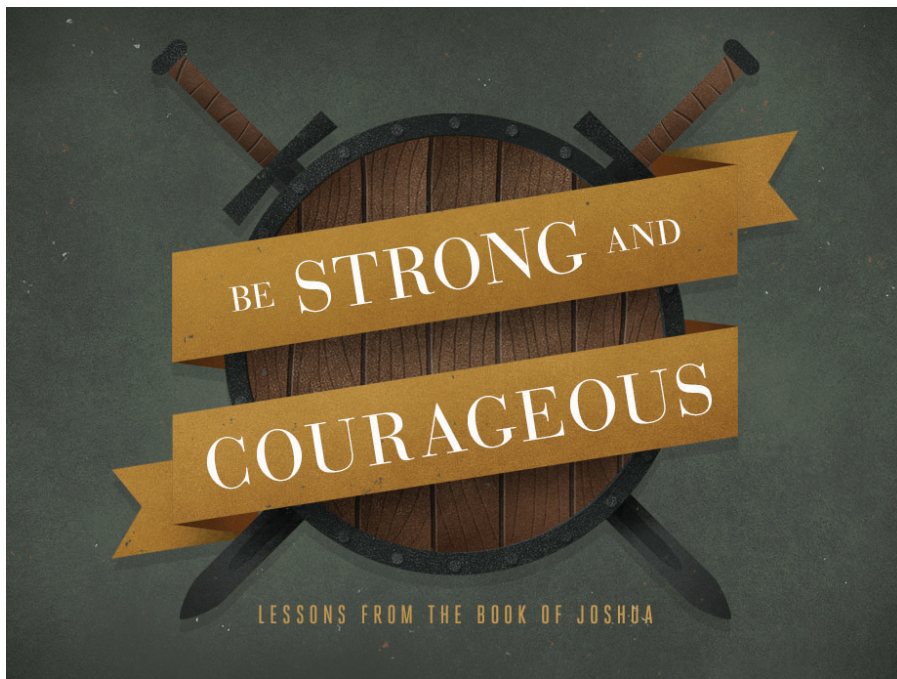
Here are ways you may have been hurt by a church or a minister:

1. **You were overlooked.** Even though you were the perfect person for the job, they asked someone else to lead.
2. **Your idea wasn't adopted.** Either you pitched an idea that was great but ignored, or you lobbied that the church go one way and they chose the other—your idea got snubbed, and that hurts.
3. **You were underappreciated.** You worked hard for years and did a good job. Your participation was vital to the church's success, yet you felt taken for granted more than appreciated.
4. **They offended you.** A sermon, an article or social media post...maybe a new church policy—it felt too personal and hurt your feelings.

You get the idea. If you were hurt, you know it and you know why.

Now is a time to let go of any bitterness or harbored resentment and move on.

Rob



## UPCOMING



For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Events calendar online or in the GC app.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Higher Ground

Welcome

Ben Patterson

Standing on the Promises  
How Great Is Our God  
Never Once

Communion

Andres Valderrama

All the Heavens

Offering

Andres Valderrama

Kids Dismissal

Ben Patterson

Praise the Name of Jesus  
The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Message: What's Shaping You? (Part 2)  
*Be Strong and Courageous: Part 4 of 5*

Rob Shaver

People Need the Lord

Next Steps

Ben Patterson

Shepherd's Prayer

Keith Thomas

## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

"Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip." (Psalm 37:27-31)

Father, dwell in our hearts and minds that we will not live or speak foolishly, and that we might be fair-minded rather than calculated and manipulative, and that we might dwell in the house of your Son forever. Amen.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

[gracechapelchurch.com/pray](http://gracechapelchurch.com/pray)



**READY, SET, MOVE!** We've been talking A LOT about how Jesus wants to be our friend forever. It's THAT important! Jesus is a gift for everyone, everywhere, and we want preschoolers to tell people everywhere

that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. When we're friends with Jesus, He helps us love others in the same way He loves us, and that's worth going here, there, and everywhere so that everyone can be with Jesus...forever.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us." (Ephesians 5:2, NIV)



**READY, SET, MOVE!** Since the beginning, God has always been deeply involved in the world. We see God's handiwork in creation, and we see His love through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond

to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We put that faith into action as we follow Jesus and show His love to the world.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." (Ephesians 2:8, NIV)

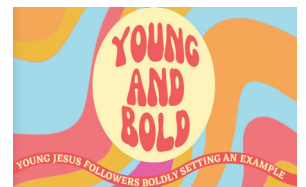


### YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, 5-9 p.m., GC Youth Room

For anyone in 6th-12th grades to explore how to follow Jesus and to connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

Join us for Youth Night tonight as we continue our summer series, *Young and Bold*.



Summer YN Series

### UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: Youth Night, 5-9 p.m.

7/30: Summer Celebration Youth Night, 5-9 p.m.

For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Youth calendar online or in the GC app.



### STAY CONNECTED

Text your Remind code to 81010:

GC Youth Parents: @gcympparents

Middle School Students: @gcymms

High School Students: @gcymhs

### FOLLOW US!

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### LOCATION

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### SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### WATCH LIVE

[gracechapelchurch.com/live](http://gracechapelchurch.com/live)

### LAST WEEK (7/16/23)

Attendance 446

YTD Contributions \$668,954