

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 2026

Dear Friends of *Grace Family Ministries*:

**“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**  
**Hebrews 12:2 NKJV**

Yesterday was Resurrection Sunday and my family and I were glad to be in the Chicagoland area to celebrate beginning with the corporate worship service at Lori’s home church. In recent years, we’re grateful for the blessing of sharing special music whenever we’re in town for the holidays. “*Christus Victor (Amen)*” was our song of choice this year to herald Christ’s triumph over sin and death and the demonic forces of evil. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Leading up to this past holiday weekend, my morning devotional was “*Classic Sermons on the Cross of Christ*” compiled by Warren W. Wiersbe. This quote from 1858 was particularly striking as it speaks to the doctrine of the penal substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary:

*“Underneath the Church are the everlasting arms; but underneath Christ there were no arms at all. Instead, His Father’s hand pressed heavily against Him; the upper and the nether millstones of divine wrath pressed and bruised Him; and not one drop of joy or consolation was afforded to Him. ‘It pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief.’ This, my brethren, was the climax of the Savior’s woe, that His Father turned away from Him, and put Him to grief.”* – C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), “The Death of Christ”

### ← Looking Back

Many thanks to everyone who prayed for us throughout the first quarter of the year as we ministered at the historic Preakness Bible Church in Wayne, New Jersey for a total of 10 Sundays. My final sermon on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was “*Beholding the Glorious Joy of Calvary: A GOD-Centered, Christ-Exalting, & Biblical View of the Gospel*” from Hebrews 12:2. Three truths that I emphasized were:

1. *Christ’s Radiant Splendor as the All-Glorious Embodiment of the Way, the Truth, & the Life is the Objective Focus of Our Faith.*
2. *Christ’s Joy-Filled Obedience to the Father for His glory & the Propitiation of His Wrath (on Behalf of Sinners) is the Heart of Calvary.*
3. *Christ’s Sovereign Majesty at the Father’s Right Hand is the All-Glorious Certainty of Salvation & All the Promises of GOD.*

This sermon along with all the rest from our fruitful time out east are uploaded to GFM’s YouTube channel to encourage your hearts and equip your lives with resolute biblical conviction.

### Looking Ahead →

We’re excited about our upcoming event at Grace Point Church here in Indianapolis, “*Life on Purpose: Intentional Family Discipleship in Every Season.*” This gathering will further introduce GFM’s mission and feature plenty of music from the Board Family Singers. More details about this are on GFM’s website.

### **GFM’s 10 Biblical Convictions**

- 1. Sovereign Majesty of GOD’s Holiness**
- 2. Sufficiency & Preaching of GOD’s Word**
- 3. Supremacy of GOD’s Grace for Life & Ministry**
- 4. Security of GOD’s Saints in Christ**
- 5. Solid Theology of GOD’s Design for the Family**
- 6. Singing of GOD’s Praise & Inter-Generational Worship**
- 7. Scheduled Priorities of GOD’s Time Restructured**
- 8. Salt & Light Moral Back-Pressure of GOD’s Truth**
- 9. Stalwart Faithfulness of GOD’s Providence in History**
- 10. Stewardship Responsibility of GOD’s Mission**

The next couple of months will also find us providing pulpit supply and reporting on our ministry at churches as well as sharing special music whenever there's an opportunity to exalt Christ and bless the saints. Of particular note is a forthcoming ministry adventure trip to Virginia and Pennsylvania concluding with yet another Sunday in New Jersey. All of the dates and details will be on the Events page of GFM's website.

### **Update on Writing Projects**

If you recall, my plan for being at one church (NJ) for so many Sundays this winter was to free me up to devote substantial time to writing projects. Thankfully, I was indeed able to hammer down and get some work done on this, but not as much as I originally intended. Regardless, here's a breakdown on things.

***“Gloves Off: Fighting for Your Faith, Family, & the Future of Civilization”*** – This title is a compilation of articles from GFM's website and others that I've written over the years. It is designed to be a soul-stirring volume in the same vein as *“Why Revival Tarries”* by Leonard Ravenhill. My goal is for it to be a 100–125 page paperback.

***“579: Family Discipleship, Culture, & the Glory of God”*** – Whereas this may not be the final title, it may still show up in the Preface or Introduction. This project focuses on GFM's 10 biblical convictions with a chapter devoted to each of them. Once again, the plan is for it be about 100-125 pages long.

***“Irreplaceable: Why Family is Central to the Mission of God”*** – All of the research for this project was completed several years ago when I finished my Master's thesis at Grace Christian University. My goal is to reformat this work into something that is less academic and more reader friendly and punctuated with personal anecdotes and illustrations. This one may be considerably longer than the other two.

With all that being said, please pray for these endeavors and, of course, we would gladly welcome any special gifts designated for them that would enable us to devote more time to see that they come to fruition. I'm grateful for those who have already lent their professional expertise to helping me along in this slow and tedious process. Once again, please pray and support these writings projects as you're able and compelled to do so.

### **The Passion of Our Hearts**

As you know, GFM's mission is ***“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth... Beginning Right at Home.”*** Three pillars of this mission drive us as missionaries to the American church & family:

- ***Magnifying God's Glory & Grace... Through Revitalized Church & Family Life***
- ***Strengthening Church & Family as Co-Champions... of the Next Generation***
- ***Mobilizing Church & Family to Engage Culture... with the Biblical Worldview & Gospel of Grace***

This is the passion of our hearts undergirded by GFM's **10 Biblical Convictions** that we believe are central to a bonafide reformation, revival, & revitalization of the church & family in our day.

**We're grateful for everyone who faithfully prays for the mission of GFM and generously supports this work through your sacrificial gifts.** Whenever we're discouraged by the spiritual state of so many churches and families, various health issues in our own family, and other challenges to make ends meet, we can tend to wonder about some things. For example, we sometimes question whether or not GFM is really making much of a difference in the world. If you ever find yourself doing the same thing, may the gaze of our hearts be turned to the glorious joy of Calvary. It is there that our Savior was obedient even to the point of death, endured the suffering, and despised the shame all for the glory of His Father and the good of rebel sinners the world over. May each of us be faithful to pass on this joy-filled hope to our children and grandchildren in the next generation and beyond. **Soli Deo Gloria!**

Beholding the Glorious Joy of Calvary,

*Pastor Tim Board*

GFM Co-Founder & Director