

Graceful Living



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JULY 2014						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study at Judi Russell's 1	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 2 5:00 PM Elder's Meeting 7:15 PM Prayer Meeting	6:00 PM Warrenville Parade and BBQ at Worleys 3 	INDEPENDANCE DAY 4 	7:30 AM Running Group 5 
9:00 AM Sunday School 6 10:30 AM Worship Service/Communion 6:00 PM Outdoor Devotional and Tailgate BBQ 	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 7	7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study at Judi Russell's 8	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 9 7:00 PM Jr. High, Sr. High Backyard Concert at Jacobsen's 7:15 PM Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM Marriage Builders 10	11	7:30 AM Running Group 12
9:00 AM Sunday School 13 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Worship Service and Tailgate BBQ 	9:30 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 14 7:00 PM Baby Shower for Sara Karsten at the home of Dana Larimer 	7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study at Judi Russell's 15	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 16 5:00 PM Elder Meeting 6:00 PM Sr. High / Roller Skating at Lombard Roller Rink 7:00 PM Jr. High / Grub and Games at Grace Church 7:15 PM Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM Marriage Builders 17	18	7:30 AM Running Group 19
9:00 AM Sunday School 20 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Outdoor Devotional and Tailgate BBQ 	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 21	7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study at Judi Russell's 22	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting 23 6:00 PM Jr. High, Sr High Bingo at the DuPage Convalescent Center 7:15 PM Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM Marriage Builders 24	25	7:30 AM Running Group 26
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On “the Angelus”

This past Spring, the MTA Seminar “Male and Female He Created Them: Pursuing Biblical Manhood and Womanhood” was by far the most well-attended seminar of the year. Clearly, the issue of God’s wisdom and order in creating us male and female touches a nerve, and clarity of thought in this area is a point of great need. It might be helpful to provide a snapshot of our reflections during the seminar, but in a somewhat indirect and perhaps surprising way—namely, by reflecting on Jean-François Millet’s 1859 painting entitled “The Angelus.”

Looking at Millet’s work, the most obvious feature of the painting is the man and the woman in the center. But who are they? More specifically, what is their relationship? This is actually a matter of quite a lot of debate among art critics. Some think they are husband and wife, others that they are brother and sister, others simply members of the same community, others a master and his maid-servant. But

the ambiguity is important, for it allows for the possibility that we might see them as any male and female (an “everyman” and an “everywoman”) in relationship.



“The Angelus”
Jean-François Millet (1859)

Notice two things about their posture. First, they are facing one another. They are male and female in each other’s presence. They know and are known as man and woman not in individual isolation but in relationship with the other. We are men precisely with respect to and for the good of women, and we are women precisely with respect to and for the good of men. But second, they are not looking directly at one another. Where are they looking, and why are they looking there? They are praying. But the prayer to God causes them to look toward the ground—out of humility before God to be sure, but also, perhaps, as a testimony to the fact that our pursuit of God does not turn our attention away from the world but actually focuses us to this creation, to the ground, as the place in which to live out our submission to God, our fulfillment of his commission, and indeed our fellowship and communion with him. In fact, the prayer they are praying, the “Angelus,” is a prayer of praise of and thanksgiving for the incarnation, in which God came down to affirm and bless his creation, the earthy and material “stuff” of this world.

Finally, why are they praying this prayer at this time? It is the day’s end, and they are acknowledging the fruit of their labors to be God’s good gift bestowed upon and through their labors with one another as male and female. That is, they have labored and loved side-by-side as man and woman, and God has blessed their love with the good gift of fruit. Incidentally (or perhaps not so incidentally), they are also praying this prayer, the “Angelus,” at this time, because the church in the distance is ringing its bells to signal the day’s end and the time for prayer. So all this is done in the context of and, I want to say, as an exemplification of the church.

And that is the manhood and womanhood seminar in a nutshell. Pursuing manhood and womanhood is the endeavor of accepting our God-given invitations to love one another with difference, as the men and women God has created us to be, in all the varying male-female relationships we have, for the good of the other, in the context of and indeed as the church, for ruling and subduing the earth, for the bearing of fruit, and in dependence upon and for the glory of our triune God.

**Grace
Running
Group**

**Saturdays
7:30am-8:30am**
(Meet in the south
entrance of Grace Church)
**Runners of all levels are welcome!
Invite a friend!!**

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RUNNING TRAILS AT BLACKWELL FOREST PRESERVE

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE

Warrenville Independence Day

PARADE

&

BBQ

at Worley’s



**JULY 3
6:00 PM**

Parenting 101: A NEW SERIES

by Pastor Daryle Worley

MEDIATED AUTHORITY

Colossians 3:21 says, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” We have reflected on this text each of the last two months in this new series of essays on parenting. But I don’t feel comfortable leaving it behind yet. Brief as it is, there is much wisdom packed away in this short, but poignant verse.

I can still remember the first time I was entrusted with a position of authority that required me to live an example among my peers. I became a Resident Advisor in college—an “RA,” as we called it, representing the Dean’s Department among my fellow students on one floor of a men’s dormitory. I was twenty-one years old.

There were many policies listed in our *Student Life Guide* that I was responsible to make sure all thirty-one guys on our floor observed. It was a Christian college, so that seemed doable to me. In our “beginning-of-the-year” meeting, I remember saying something like, “You have all read the *Student Life Guide* and signed your willingness to follow it. You have each professed to have the Holy Spirit resident within you. Let’s honor the Lord by keeping our word in these matters.” Our meeting was finished, and we had one of the most trouble-free floors in the men’s dorm that year.

I’d like to say I knew what I was doing when I decided on that approach, but in all honesty, I did it only because I couldn’t imagine any other alternative working well.

Today, more than thirty years later, I would still do it the same way — now with reason. That reason may best be illustrated by Jesus’ encounter with the Roman centurion in Matthew 8. He came to Jesus and said, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”

This centurion had authority, but he understood it was a mediated authority. Those under him did what he said because he represented Rome — he mediated Rome’s authority to his 100 Roman soldiers — humbly and faithfully.

Our authority as parents is mediated in much the same way. Our children belong to God. He has entrusted them to us. We mediate His authority to them. It is often easier not to “provoke” or “discourage” our children when we remember that they are His, and we are merely stewards charged by Him to care for them, humbly and faithfully.

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*Help Share the gospel with
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Our Grace Church Team will conduct a Josiah Venture youth camp in Pogradec, Albania from July 21-27. Most of the youth cannot afford the cost of the camp. Please consider donating \$40 to sponsor a camper. Donations should be designated as “Adopt-a-Camper.”

Save the Date!

COUPLES RETREAT

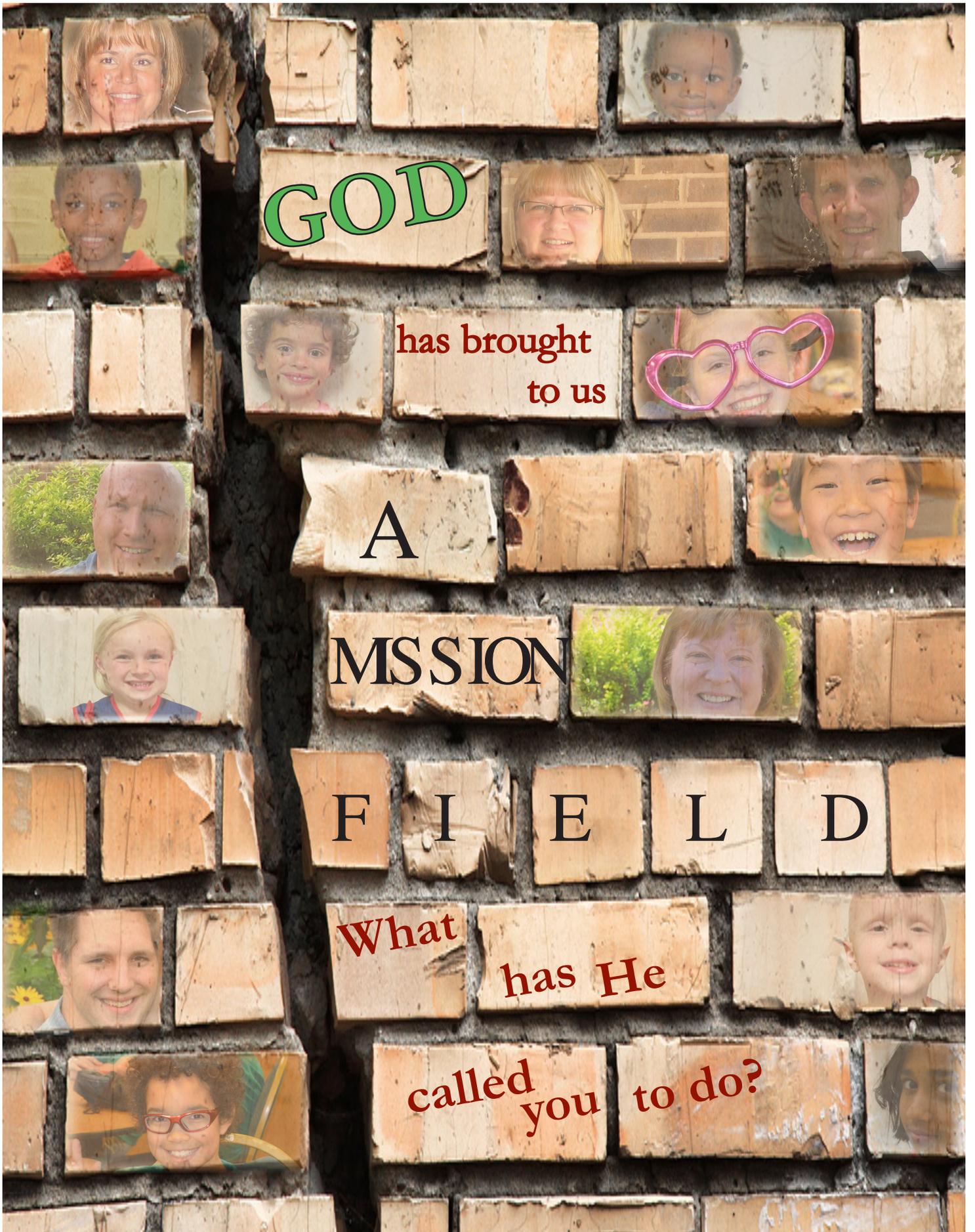
February 6-7, 2015!

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that you did not receive?*

Daryle Worley - 1 June 2014

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has He
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