



GRACE BIBLE FAMILY,

We want to thank you for your attention to these updates, your faithfulness in communicating with us, and all that you have meant to us during this pandemic. This week, I want to give you an update about three things.

A FEARLESS FAITH

We want to keep hearing your stories of where you see God at work during this time. I received a story this week from someone who had been challenged in her extra time to write out her testimony of which God used to powerfully bless other people in a way that she did not expect. It was a blessing for me to see something that God has done as a result of this time. It would be a great encouragement to me if you would please continue to send in your stories of fearless faith. You can write it out or even record a short video and send it to us at hello@gracebibleag.com. We would love to hear those stories as an encouragement to us as well as to others.

A NEW WAY TO GATHER

In last week's update, we sent you a short survey to fill out. We wanted to hear your thoughts on what it would look like for us to gather again. Over two hundred of you responded which has given us incredibly helpful information. *About 60% said you were ready to come back to church and 97% said the online worship experience has been helpful.* If you have not already filled out the survey, please do so [here](#). We would love the biggest sample of information possible to hear your thoughts as we start considering how we move forward once permitted to do so.

One of the other things that we learned in the survey was that *many of you are okay gathering for church on a different day of the week.* As we are given permission to meet again, we are thinking about what it looks like to have different venues at various times throughout the week, as well as what ministry opportunities could grow. We are exploring all opportunities to gather in a way that keeps us safe and helps us re-enter the movement of Grace Bible Church on our campus, encouraging small group leaders to believe and pastor their communities as we continue to see God move.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

One of the questions I have been asking myself that I would ask you to think and pray about is this: If we were given the task to create and build a church—Jesus said...*I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18)*—what if we just had the New Testament as a resource for the building of that church? *What would our church look like?* We have been given an unprecedented opportunity to rethink the way we do our ministry and what it means for us to empower a movement of people to live and love like Jesus. If you have ideas or thoughts as God speaks to you through your prayers, please communicate those to us. We would love to hear from you as we collectively pray about being the most effective church God would have us be for our people as well as for the people of the Central Coast.

God is in the work of building a new and improved Grace Bible Church. *Each and every one of you plays an integral part in building our future together.*

Together Learning to Live and Love Like Jesus,

Pastor Jason