

The grace-based church

Core values #4 – Family and #5 – Authenticity
(p. 951, 886, 920)

I. A SELFLESS FAMILY: MOTIVATED BY GRACE, WE CAN TRULY CARE FOR OTHERS MORE THAN OURSELVES (PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11).

- A. Selfless – Since we belong to Christ together, we must be gracious, united and others-centered (2:1-4).
- B. Christ-like – We will care for others selflessly only as we adopt the attitude of Christ who did that for us (2:5-11).

Core value # 4 – Family – We value creating healthy family relationships in the church, based on grace and truth, as we serve one another like Christ.

II. AUTHENTIC LIVING: MOTIVATED BY GRACE, WE CAN BE OPEN AND HONEST WITH EACH OTHER (ACTS 5:1-11; ROMANS 12:3-8, 15:5-7).

- A. Faking it – Ananias and Sapphira lied about their financial gift to impress others (Acts 5:1-11).
- B. Authenticity – When we understand God's grace, we can pursue humility and transparency.
 - 1. Nothing to prove – Humble self-appraisal (Romans 12:3-6a).
 - 2. Nothing to hide – Acceptance and transparency (Romans 15:5-7; James 5:16).

Core value # 5 – Authenticity – We value humility and transparency as we grow in faith.