

BOLD FAITH

In Lamentations 3:20-21 it said that we need to hold onto to our faith and onto our hope: "I will remember them, and my soul downcast within me. Yet, this I call to mind and therefore I have hope." God calls us to sit still and sometimes He calls us to move in faith in a certain direction.

After ten years of a physically abusive relationship, I finally got in my car and just drove, not knowing where to go. My car finally gave out landing me in Monroe, LA. Not knowing anyone or having a place to stay was very scary, but I knew God had His hand on the wheel. As much as I thought about returning to that bad relationship, I kept my faith in Christ, knowing that being a daughter of the Most High King, I am to be loved, not abused.

I was led to Grace Place not knowing what to expect. I mentioned that I'd love to volunteer and was introduced to the staff. As, I began serving on a regular basis, I was able to open up more and share my exciting news about getting a job and my first apartment. Unfortunately, the job didn't work because God has opened up a spot for me at Grace Place!

The first night in my apartment, I was given a couple of food bags, a mat and a comforter from Grace Place. Once they found out I was sleeping on the floor, Grace Place stepped in and gave me furniture, dishes, decor, clothing and food. God is so good!

I took a huge step in faith leaving a horrible situation knowing that God has great plans for me. I have been set free and found a place I can call home.

-Pam McLemore, Grace Place Volunteer

Faith and fear cannot exist together. Faith is described in Hebrews 11:1 as being "certain of what we do not see." It is an absolute belief that God is constantly working behind the scenes in every area of our lives, even when there is no tangible evidence to support that fact. On the other hand, fear, simply stated, is unbelief or weak belief. As unbelief gains the upper hand in our thoughts, fear takes hold of our emotions. Our deliverance from fear and worry is based on faith, which is the very opposite of unbelief.

Stepping out in faith sounds easy, but it means leaving the comfort zone and facing our deepest fears. It is deemed as one of the hardest sensations to harness and to get under control. When the circumstances are dictating that there is little optimism to go around--our souls don't want to step out in faith. This is where trust and having bold faith comes into play.

Stepping out in faith can help recondition your mind and change your perspective. Changing your mindset allows you to see things from God's perspective and helps to get out of your head. Dwelling on what worked and what did not work will not bring you joy. All this will do is keep you stuck in the past and waste your energy.

Let's start this year by getting our heads out of the past, stepping boldly in faith and keeping our eyes focused on Christ. As stated by Pam, "Give God the wheel!"

Andrea McDonald
Grace Place Ministries Staff



Total Served 2018

JANUARY

Meals Served

2,687

Food bags provided for

438 people

Life is about
using the whole
box of crayons.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a fun place to serve? We'd love to have you volunteer at Grace Place! We serve lunch MWF from 11:30am-1:00pm. Call us at 318.361.9702 or go online to sign up at GracePlaceMinistries.org.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

"In Loving Memory"

Why not consider making a donation to Grace Place Ministries in memory of someone who has passed from this life. What a meaningful way to honor the life of your loved one. Be sure to include the family's name and contact information with your donation, and Grace Place will send a letter informing them of your generous gift. Please email us the information on the person at graceplacela@gmail.com.



We love having school and youth groups come serve! Contact us online or call us to sign up!

OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- *Finances
- *Bottled Water
- *33 Gallon Drawstring Trashbags
- *Bleach
- *Printer ink - HP 952XL
- *Men & women's underwear
- *Deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste



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