

Dear Grace Presbyterian Church,

Just as Paul and Timothy greeted other followers of Christ, I too write this letter to all the followers of Christ at Grace Presbyterian. As I made a very significant change in my life after 19 years of youth ministry in a particular church, my heart was heavy with concern over whether or not an Extreme Christmas of some form could actually happen with all the changes God lead me to make.

Jesus said we only need faith of a mustard seed, which I knew that I had, but did I have the [trust required to allow Him to work](#). When the invitation came from God, to come be a part of Grace with John Roberts, I wasn't sure what would happen, but [I trusted the one who does](#).

Fifteen years ago, or more John and I worked together in the cause of Christ. We went our separate journeys for Him, yet the month I made the decision to trust God and let go of a place that no longer produced His fruit, God opened the door to a new place, reunited with someone I value very much in a new place at Grace Presbyterian.

Yet, I still had trepidation. It's one thing to show up, it's another to ask a body of Christ to join in on something God sized, unfamiliar, in the leadership of someone you do not know.

Yet you have embraced me and this huge undertaking with open arms. My heart is overjoyed to be a part of a group of people who respond with [your whole heart to His invitation on your lives](#) to help make Christmas so meaningful for so many children. Thank you for accepting His invitation to be such a huge part of the **Extreme Christmas project** and for opening your hearts to me.

Philippians says

"³⁻⁶ Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have..."
[joined me in proclaiming God's Message, of absolute love and hope. He has started a great work in us together and I trust that He will bring even greater vision for His love to flourish through this body in our future together!](#)

⁹⁻¹¹ So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

Together...it's all for His Glory! Let others see His love...through you and me!

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