



BATTLE FORGED FRIENDSHIP

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THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE!

We are a family of believers that cling tightly to the Word of Scripture and enjoy the heritage of a faith centered upon the majesty of Jesus Christ and His work upon the Cross. If you love the words of Scripture, worship Jesus Christ, and prefer Truth spoken with thunderous straightforwardness, then you will probably enjoy it here.

Discover why we focus so much on the centrality of Jesus Christ and learn more about the Church at Ellerslie, our Ellerslie Discipleship Training, and what we believe ... at Ellerslie.com/church or scan the QR code below with your phone.



ANNOUNCEMENTS + SCHEDULE:

- **Wednesday Night Prayer** – 7:00pm

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

- Dan, Sandi, and Grace preparing for Belize
- The Legacy Peak Film Production
- HLF on tour

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IT'S THE VERY BEST KIND

A PICTURE OF THE ELLERSLIE LEADERSHIP TEAM



FROM DRINKING BUDDIES TO DEVIL-DEFYING BUDDIES

the key change to relationship that the Cross brings about

INTRODUCING THE HOUSE OF GRACE (THE HOUSE OF SEVEN ROOMS)

giving all diligence, **add to your faith** . . .

1. arete
2. and to arete, gnōsis;
3. And to gnōsis, egkrateia;
4. and to egkrateia, hypomonē;
5. and to hypomonē, eusebeia;
6. And to eusebeia, philadelphia;
7. and to philadelphia, agapē.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather,

brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall:

2 Peter 1:4-10

EXPLORING THE HOUSE OF PROMISE

1. **Arete** - The Grace for Overcoming Sin and Walking in Triumph
2. **Gnōsis** - The Grace for Understanding Truth and Walking in Faith
3. **Egkrateia** - The Grace for Guarding the Soul from Sin's Encroachment and walking in Self-Control
4. **Hypomonē** - The Grace for Endurance, Perseverance, and Immovability
5. **Eusebeia** - The Grace for Honorable Action
6. **Philadelphia** - The Grace for People
7. **Agapē** - The Grace for Walking in All the Graces and for Revealing God's very Nature and Behavior Always

PHILADELPHIA

- *The Grace for People*
- *The Grace for Family*
- *The Grace for the Church*
- *The Grace for dealing with the unlovely attributes in those you are called to Love*
- *The Grace for showcasing Love in relationship with those that are often unlovely*

PHILADELPHIA (BROTHERLY LOVE; BROTHERLY KINDNESS)

Washing the feet of the saints. Seeking the benefit of those who believe. Laboring to see the Body of Christ built strong. Carrying those sick with the palsy to the feet of Jesus. Honoring others above yourself. Seeking the profit of the saints, even if it means you go without. It means, deep abiding affection for those considered brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with **philadelphia**; in honor preferring one another . . .

Romans 12:10

But as touching **philadelphia** you need not that I write unto you: for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:9

Let **philadelphia** continue.

Hebrews 13:1

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere **philadelphia**, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

1 Peter 1:22

ERIC - A MAN IN NEED OF GRACE

A quick study in the life of yours truly

ERIC -THE PEOPLE-LOVING MACHINE

Who needs "grace for dealing with people" when you are Eric Ludy?

ERIC - THE FARMER

Who needs "grace for dealing with people" if you just become a Potato farmer?

ERIC - THE SWORD-SWINGING HUSBAND

Who needs "grace for marriage" when you already have grace for marriage?

THE PURPOSEFUL SHORTFALL OF GRACE

when God must remind us that we CAN'T do this on our own

JESUS IS OUR PHILADELPHIA

The all-important reminder to our souls

If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:12

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

1 Thessalonians 3:12

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death. Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:14-16

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34-35

THE PHILADELPHIAN BARRICADE

Aware of the Seven Javelins of the Old Man that Kill Affection and Intimacy

- **Javelin #1** - Grievance, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment
- **Javelin #2** - Accusation (criticism, implied responsibility for a problem, fault-finding)
- **Javelin #3** - Irritation and frustration (shortness of fuse)
- **Javelin #4** - Anxiety, words to strike fear, evil words of foreboding and doom
- **Javelin #5** - Over-statements, Extreme statements, words like always, never, and the like
- **Javelin #6** - Anger, slights, diminishment, harsh or hurtful words
- **Javelin #7** - Threats of leaving or abandonment, threats of harm, threats of exposure of secrets

THE SECRET WEAPON OF PHILADELPHIA

Gentleness

GENTLENESS

The Opposite Spirit - it's softness when struck with hardness, mildness when hit with harshness, and a gentle word when belted with a spiteful word. Gentleness is divine control and governance over the inner man, holding the flesh in check that it not be given voice or strength in the matter.

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and **gentleness**, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

... Speak evil of no one ... be peaceable, gentle, showing all **gentleness** to all men.

Titus 3:2

Let your **gentleness** be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Philippians 4:5

THE PHILADELPHIAN PHALANX

When the Church walks in all the Graces

[excerpted from the Alaskan Park Service official website]

No other animal has the defense method of musk oxen. When danger threatens they do not run away. Muskoxen are known above all else for their clever defense against wolves or other predators. When they see danger approaching, muskoxen run together and they all try to face the threat. If there is one predator—a lone wolf for example—the defense strategy is to form a line. If a wolf pack surrounds the group, the muskoxen will form a tight circle, all facing outward, forming a phalanx of heads and horns. Calves will hug next to their mothers, or huddle inside the circle. Occasionally, one muskox will charge the enemy, but will quickly rejoin the others.

If the herd doesn't run, but stays together in a tight defensive formation, their defense is virtually impenetrable. A muskox caught away from the herd or separated from the others is much easier to kill.



PARTICIPATORY CHURCH

DAILY THUNDER

Teaching series from the Bible with Eric, Nathan, and guests.



GIVE

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EVENTS

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