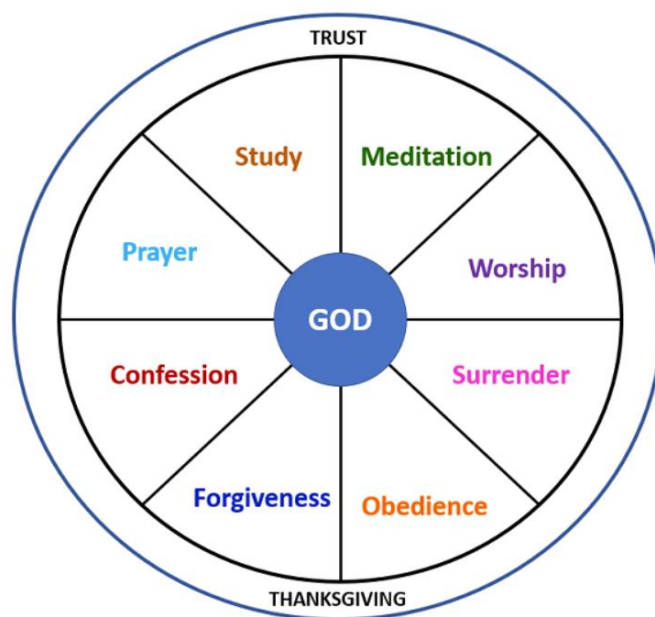




FC GRACE – CORE MESSAGE

GROWING IN GOD



Coaches understand that technical skill development for a player is most important. Like soccer skill development, we recognize that there are fundamental disciplines necessary for developing a fruitful and maturing relationship with God.

You and God are in a love relationship. When forming a love relationship with another person, we desire to spend time with them, to get to know them, to love them for all their attributes, to be with them during times of hardship and times of joy. We think about them often throughout our day.

This human relationship is a glimpse of what it's like to have a love relationship with our Heavenly Father. As we spend time in study, meditation, prayer, and worship, we are drawn into greater understanding of our loving God, who He is as Creator, as Father, as long-suffering Covenant Keeper; we learn who we are as His children, His heirs, co-heirs with Jesus, and the work that He has prepared for each of us. We learn that confession, forgiveness, obedience, and surrender lead to a life of freedom and victory. We learn to trust Him more and more and walk in greater thanksgiving each day for what He has done for us.

2 Peter 3:18



But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Peter 1:14

[Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Let me not get comfortable where I am but keep growing me. Help me to see that tests are opportunities for me to grow, learn and change more into your son's image. Lord, help me to be patient with myself, forgiving myself when I make mistakes, knowing that you care most about my heart towards you than my mistakes and successes. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.