

GMAF Online Newsletter



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Eternal Hope

God's Word is truly encouraging because it speaks about eternal hope. In light of eternity, hope that lasts for only the years we live on earth is no hope at all. Jesus understood that. The hope He gives is for this life and eternity.

Jesus said He came to give His disciples abundant life (John 10:10) and eternal life (John 3:15-16). Many people in Israel struggled with Christ's teaching because they were thinking about their lives on earth and not eternity. Jesus spoke to the issues of this life, but His primary concern was eternal life. At a time when many of Jesus' disciples deserted Him because of His teaching, the Lord turned to the 12 men He had chosen to be closest to Him and asked them if they were also going to leave Him. Simon Peter was the first to answer: ". . . Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:68-69). Peter

went straight to the heart of the matter. How could he possibly desert Christ in light of the fact that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, who spoke the words of eternal life?

Grasping the importance of what Peter said will change a person's life forever. Jesus Christ came from eternity into time and space and spoke words of eternal life. Every word that Jesus spoke had eternity in view. An understanding of this truth opens up new treasures for you and me. It changes the way we read our Bible.

(Excerpt from "GraceLife: Words of Hope and Encouragement in a Discouraging World, Pg. 15, Mark McGee. Fifth Estate Publishing, 2008)

Attention Shinsei Hapkido Teachers and Students!

We are preparing for the annual Winter Camp!

January 16th & 17th, 2010

Akayama Ryu Jujutsu / Shinsei Hapkido Winter Camp, Orange Beach Al.

Anyone 18 and older is welcome to stay at the Akayama Ryu dojo. The gym has showers.

If your waiver is in by 12/15, the Camp is only \$60.00.

We are getting a discounted rate at the Orange Beach Hilton Garden Inn of around \$59.00 a night.

As usual, there will be an amazing group of teachers. Come enjoy a day and a half of ego-free, martial arts training.

All teachers and students are ENCOURAGED to attend. These camps count toward your mat time with Shinsei Instructors.

For more info you may call me at 205-237-9511

or go to Shinseihapkido.com

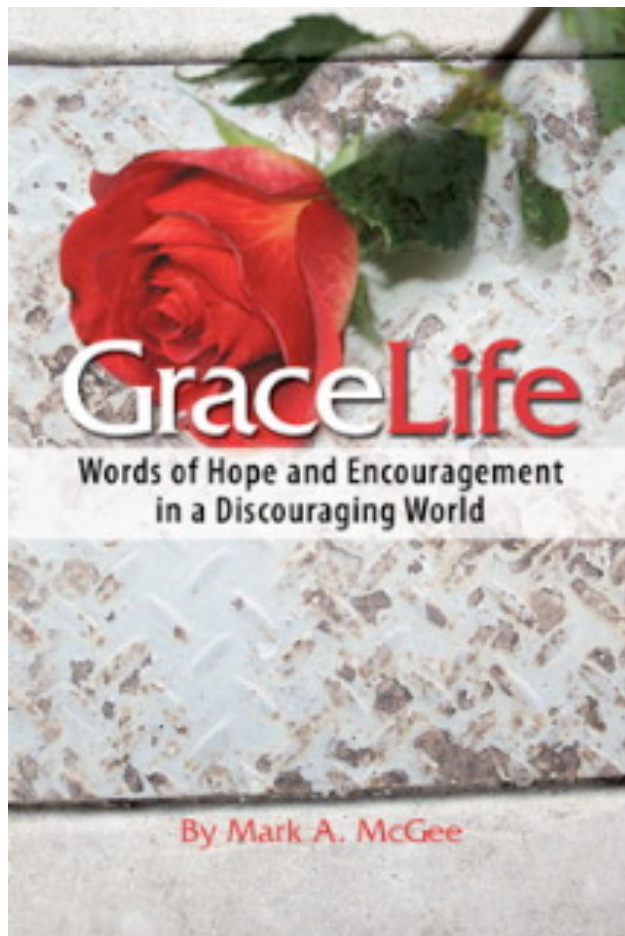
or www.akayamaryu.com

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New Christian Training Manual

GMAF is offering a new training manual for the Christian life. It's called "GraceLife - Words of Hope and Encouragement in a Discouraging World."

We believe this would be an excellent book for your students, so we're offering a special opportunity for you to purchase the book at discount prices. Contact Mark McGee at mmcgee@gmaf.org for more information.



Grace Martial Arts Fellowship

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."

Ephesians 3:7-12

(Scripture from the New King James Bible)