



EVERYDAY CHURCH

#3 EVERYDAY PASTORAL CARE



In chapter 3* we discover the 4 Gs. The 4 Gs are a helpful way of refocussing on God and remembering His character by asserting that He is good, gracious, glorious and great so that we don't have to be. Look at the table below and think about how you see God and whether you believe these statements about Him.

Is your pastoral care shaped by confidence in the four Gs?	Possible contrary indicators
God is great, so we do not have to be in control	You are overbearing—always trying to control You are inflexible or risk averse You are impatient with people You avoid responsibility
God is glorious, so we do not have to fear others	You avoid confrontation You crave appeal You behave differently around certain people You pretend or hide your true self
God is good, so we do not have to look elsewhere for fulfilment	You feel ministry is a burden You often complain You make people feel a burden of duty You don't stick at things
God is gracious, so we do not have to prove ourselves	You take criticism and failure badly You find it hard to relax You are proud or envy the success of others You make people feel guilty

- God is great may lead to over-pastoring (we think people need us to save them)
- God is glorious may lead to under-pastoring (we fear how people will respond to us)
- God is good may lead to under-pastoring (we avoid difficult situations)
- God is gracious may lead to over-pastoring (we try to prove ourselves by rescuing people)

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PACE

PACE is a helpful acronym to remember when thinking about pastoral care. Consider the following and think about how you might do some of these things.

P is for Prayer

Offer to regularly pray for a person in the congregation that they may grow in faith and service to God.

A is for Availability

Offer to be available to someone in the congregation in times of need.

C is for Contact

Commit to making regular, deliberate contact with a member of the congregation in order to encourage their faith and growth in Christian discipleship.

E is for Example

Offer to be an example of Christian discipleship to someone new to, or less experienced in Christian discipleship, in order to encourage and support them on their journey.