

THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God - 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:16-17 (AMP&ESV)

HOW TO SPELL G.R.A.C.E.

GIVING NEW LIFE

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it - Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

RESTORING A HOLY WALK

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)

ASSISTING A WEAK SOUL

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17 (ESV)

and then Jesus told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. 10 Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (MSG)

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work...you will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way. 2 Corinthians 9:8,11 (ESV)

EMPOWERING TO GREATER SERVICE

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me -1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV)

...let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and fear. Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)

Four Commitments For 2012

- Commit to weekly worship in 2012
- Plug into growth groups in 2012
- Find a place to serve my community in 2012
- Share my faith with the unchurched in 2012

WALK THE TALK

Growth Group Resource

1. Who gave you the biggest break in your life growing up? How do you view them today?
2. When you think of the multifaceted nature of grace what one word describe it to you the best? Why did you choose the descriptive word?
3. Under the title "How To Spell G.R.A.C.E. besides the first letter which letter speaks to you the most? Why? Which one should you focus on the most? Explain
4. Pick one of the verses in the outline above as the most encouraging verse to you right now. Read it out load to the group. Give one reason why it means so much to you.
5. Pick one of the four stories in the ministry of Jesus that describes grace in some way. What about that story helps you see how to be a grace-giving believer? About receiving grace from God?
 - The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23:39-43)
 - The Woman caught in adultery (John 8:2-11)
 - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
 - The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Formulate a plan among each other in our Growth Group to hold each other accountable in the four fundamental compass points of life (Worship, Community, Service, Mission). (Example – Work as a team at a Weekend Service. Sit together at a Weekend Service. Do a community service project together. Etc.)



More Grace
Accelerate – Part 3
Relentlessly Pursuing More

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