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GRACE UPON  
GRACE

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING



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# INTRODUCTION

Sacred Season is 21 days of fasting and prayer devoted and dedicated to the pursuit of God's presence, hearing His voice, and surrendering to His will and purpose for our lives. It is both a personal and a corporate commitment of our church to annually set aside this time to honor God with the "first" of the New Year.

Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The final day of our fast is Sacred Sunday. This is the day we bring our "first fruits" offering to the House. As we put God first, we establish Him in His rightful place in our lives. In doing so, He promises to bless our lives and make them prosper.

# VISION

The Bible is clear that without Vision, people perish (Proverbs 28:19) and are also destroyed because of lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). At Calvary, we strive not just to be able to "do", but more importantly we strive to "see"! It is the earnest heart of our leadership to lead with vision.

We love vision, we need vision, we want VISION, but in 2025 we desire God's perfect vision. Vision and elevation are synonymous. High places yield a more expansive vision and the goal at Calvary is to communicate the vision with clear understanding. We want our staff, dream team, leaders, and attendees to catch the vision and SEE WHAT WE SEE!

Our vision statement is expansive, yet concise. We want to do ONLY the things we have been called to do and do those things well. The Vision Statement of Calvary is simple, yet profound. At Calvary, we exist to Pursue Revival, Build Unity, Release Purpose, and Leave Legacy.

The driving force behind our vision and mission statement is our core values. At Calvary, the foundational core value, from which all our core values flow, is that of excellence. All that we have done, are doing, and will do exemplifies this core value. We are a church committed to excelling in love, purpose, honor, generosity, positivity, servanthood, and so much more.

We believe that as we obey God, each part of our vision, mission, and core value statements will work together in a powerful and supernatural way to help us fulfill all that God has asked us to do.

### ***Pursue Revival***

We commit to being a church that is passionate about **PURSUIING REVIVAL**. Every time we gather, it is our resolve to passionately pursue the presence of God in a Spirit-filled, Spirit-driven, and Spirit-charged atmosphere. The purpose of our weekly services, revival nights, prayer nights, and other corporate gatherings is to provide a life-giving church experience where Jesus is exalted and worshiped, the Gospel is presented, and people are given an opportunity to encounter God in a real and powerful way. Our pursuit of revival emanates throughout our church and in each location. From our children's ministries, to our youth ministries, from our small groups to outreaches, and so much more, the effects of this pursuit can be seen and felt.

### ***Build Unity***

The scriptures are clear that it is "good and pleasant for the brethren to dwell in unity", and that where there is unity "...God commands his blessing" (Psalm 133). At Calvary, we are a church determined to **BUILD UNITY** and be united. We desire to be a place where every person can connect with God and connect with each other despite our differences. There is beauty in our diversity that is discovered in our differences, not our sameness.

As a unified and diverse church, we are also called to be a lighthouse of unity to our communities and regions. Whether in our small groups, outreaches, services, or community events we are committed to being a beacon of hope and an oasis of unity in the regions we serve.

### ***Release Purpose***

At Calvary, we understand that every person was created on purpose, with a purpose, and for a purpose. We acknowledge that a part of our assignment, call, and mission is to help every willing person who calls Calvary home discover, unlock, and release their personal purpose. At Calvary, we know that by releasing you into your God-given personal purpose, it ultimately aids us in fulfilling our God-given corporate purpose. It's our heart, no matter your age, to do this from your first day at Calvary.

Because we are committed to **RELEASING PURPOSE**, we have created many avenues to help you discover and release yours. Whether through hearing the Word of God in our services, assimilation (Growth Track), discipleship (Small Groups and Classes), mentorship, our streams of education (Calvary Christian Academy & Southeastern University), and serving opportunities, Calvary is intentional on seeing all attendees fulfill the purpose of God on their lives.

### ***Leaving Legacy***

Legacy is lived before it's left, and at Calvary we believe in the next generation. We are focused on building a church that experiences a move of God until Christ returns. We are insistent on maximizing the time we have been given and leaving those who are "next" with a solid foundation and a great example to follow.

Our focus on **LEAVING LEGACY** can be seen in our commitment to education. We continue to improve our school, Calvary Christian Academy (Preschool through 12th Grade), and we are constantly expanding our college, Southeastern University, at Calvary Christian Center.

Our dedication to legacy fuels our vision to develop our property with the building of state-of-the-art kids' ministry facilities, beautiful upgrades to current buildings, and expanding our reach through missions' giving and the planting of new Calvary Campuses in our region.

Our devotion to leaving a legacy can also be seen and felt through our generosity. At Calvary, we give generously because we know our giving extends our reach. Our faithfulness in our generosity empowers us to show our communities the love of God. Through outreaches like the Daytona Dream Center, ministering to our local homeless community, or by being an active participant of generational transformation in helping children through being an avid advocate for adoption or the special needs community, Calvary is committed to being "there" for the family and for the sake of legacy.



“For from Christ’s fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”  
JOHN 1:16

# THE YEAR OF GRACE UPON GRACE

Welcome to the year 2025!

It seems incredible that we are now a quarter into the twenty first century. Time seems to be racing by at a staggering pace. Now more than ever, it's important to make sure that our priorities are in proper alignment, certainly as a church family, but also as an individual follower of Christ. For that to be a reality, God must be first. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Notice, we are not just to just seek His Kingdom and His righteousness, but to seek them FIRST.

First is a foundational word. It's what everything else is built on. At the very beginning of this year, we are putting God first through our fasting, praying and giving. We are building our entire year on this foundation; Jesus and His kingdom are first. When you do this, life comes into alignment and Jesus said, everything else can then be added.

We are theming this year, "The Year of Grace upon Grace." In Jesus Name, it will be a year to see God's grace magnified and intensified in your life. There is much biblical context for this but understand, this is not a magic formula, this is a faith formula. It's a place to awaken your faith and believe God for "Grace upon Grace". By faith, 2025 will be a year of layered and multi-dimensional grace. Grace to live, grace to give, grace to war, grace to win, grace to grow, grace to sow, grace to build, grace to expand, grace to rise and grace to possess the land. Not just grace, but grace upon grace. John 1:16, For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

I love this time of year so much! I'm always excited to join with you when we as a body of believers come together in collective pursuit of God's plan and agenda for this new season. Let's come together in faith as we fast, pray and prepare our Sacred Season Seed. In Jesus' Name we will walk unbound and unhindered into all that God has prepared for us. In Jesus' Mighty Name declare right now, 2025 IS MY YEAR OF GRACE UPON GRACE!

I love you more than words can say,



Apostle Jim Raley  
*Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*



“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain;  
but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:10



# I AM WHAT I AM BY GRACE

PASTOR DAWN RALEY | *Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*

Today is the first full day of our Sacred Season fast. Fasting is a spiritual discipline and practice that reminds us of our dependency on God as we lay down certain foods that we typically draw our strength from. For the next 21 days, we are coming into a new reality of how beautiful and powerful the grace of God is as we step into 2025, The Year of Grace Upon Grace.

Paul was a man who knew by experience the grace of God. He says in the previous verse of 1 Corinthians, “I am not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church.” Paul knew his past made him unworthy, but the grace of God through Christ erased his past and gave him a new beginning. In fact, when we look at the full meaning of Grace, the Greek word, Charis, it means “of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ; keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.”

Paul is expressing the power of grace upon grace in this scripture; he knew of the saving grace, but also of the sanctifying grace of God. Saving grace is transformative in making us new creatures in Christ, but sanctifying grace is the daily grace, the ongoing work of the indwelling Holy Spirit that moves us forward in Christ. Paul gave himself fully to God’s calling on his life, yet he testifies even his accomplishments were by grace.

When you remember where God’s grace found you and how far He has brought you, there is no doubt about it, like Paul you have to say, “It is not I, but the grace of God which was with me!” It is only by God’s grace

in our lives that we are effective in fulfilling His purpose in and through us. We are not only saved but we are sustained by grace in every moment of our lives.

How do you walk in this experience of grace that Paul did? Grace living is letting Christ live in you and letting His Spirit work in you continually. In Hebrews 10:29, the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Grace, so it would be impossible to walk in the grace of God without the work of the Spirit of God. Open your heart at the beginning of this Sacred Season to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Grace can look like conviction, repentance, obedience, development of fruit, and growth. Grace doesn’t just work for you; it works in you. Paul said, “I am what I am by the grace of God, and I continue in my labor by the grace of God.”

The same grace that saved you will also sustain, supply and strengthen you in this new year.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your grace. I am what I am only by Your grace. Thank You for saving me and changing my life. I give myself to You at the beginning of this fast and to the work of Your grace in me. Holy Spirit, I welcome Your presence to lead and guide me into all truth and transform me more and more into Your image. Help me in this season to recognize Your grace in every place of my life and teach me to live daily by Your grace in all that I do. I give all the glory to You. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*



“You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”  
2 TIMOTHY 2:1



# BE STRONG IN GRACE

PASTOR JENNIFER WOODS | *Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*

Are you living in the grace place; that sweet place of favor, blessing, and renewal that can only be found in Jesus Christ? It can't be earned, and we cannot get there by being the strongest or the smartest or having it all together. If you enter into the grace place and look around, you won't find people who are self-reliant, self-sufficient or who have a perfect life. You'll find people who know that without Jesus they can do nothing and that are nothing. But through Him we can do all things because he gives us the strength.

His grace is sufficient for you no matter your circumstances, your shortcomings, no matter if you feel like you have it all together or feel like you are barely keeping it together. The grace place is just the place for you. In 2 Timothy 2:1, Paul doesn't tell his spiritual son Timothy to live in the place of popularity or influence. He doesn't tell him that his strength comes from the place of religion or measuring up. Instead, he encourages him to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Today, as a believer in Jesus Christ and a child of God, you have full access to the grace place, to the unearned and undeserved favor, kindness, sweetness, and strength you need to overcome and walk in victory and peace.

*Heavenly Father, I thank you that the strength I need for this day is found through your Son Jesus Christ. I exit the place of striving and self-sufficiency and enter fully into your grace. No matter what I face today, your grace is more than enough for me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



“...to the praise of the glory of His grace,  
by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”  
EPHESIANS 1:6

# ACCEPTED BY GRACE

PASTOR JOHN GALLOWAY | *Calvary Palm Coast (FL)*

Grace is the unmerited favor of God, a gift freely given, not earned. In Ephesians 1:6, Paul reminds us that through His glorious grace, God has made us “accepted in the Beloved,” referring to our secure place in Christ. This acceptance isn’t based on our performance or worthiness but solely on God’s abundant love and mercy.

Living out grace means recognizing that every aspect of our lives flows from what Christ has done for us. It frees us from striving to earn approval, both from God and others. In Christ, we are already fully loved, fully accepted, and fully equipped to walk in His purpose. This assurance transforms how we see ourselves and how we interact with others.

Grace also compels us to extend the same mercy we’ve received. When we grasp the depth of God’s forgiveness, it becomes easier to forgive those who wrong us. Living in grace means we live with open hearts, ready to give and receive without condition.

Practically, grace empowers us to walk in humility and confidence. We can humbly acknowledge our need for God while boldly approaching Him, knowing His love covers all our weaknesses. It encourages us to live lives that reflect His glory, praising Him not only with words but also with actions of kindness, generosity, and compassion.

Today, let us embrace grace. Remember, God’s acceptance in Christ is final and unshakable. Let that truth anchor your heart. Let it inspire you to praise Him and reflect His grace to a world in desperate need of the same love we’ve received.

Take a moment to thank God for His grace. Ask Him to help you live with a heart full of gratitude and a life that brings praise to the glory of His grace.

*Lord, thank you for making me accepted in you. Thank you for relieving me from strife and merit based approval. Help me today to further grasp the depth of your grace toward me. Help me to let this understanding flow from my life and tangibly impact others for your glory. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*





“Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight.  
He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”  
ROMANS 3:24

# CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

PASTOR JAMIE HARTSGROVE | *Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*

God's grace is an extraordinary undeserved gift that we all have been given. The gift of grace is so amazing that at times it may be hard to fully grasp this unmerited grace. Along with the gift of grace is the privilege of prayer, our means of communicating with God.

Today so many Christians are missing out on a large part of who Jesus is and the call that's on their life. By not living in grace, they aren't able to reach their full potential or walk in the fullness of Christ.

Have you ever felt like you were trying to earn His love or favor by completing deeds? Have you lived in fear or anxiety of what's next? Well now is the time to stop living in the flesh and start fully living for the Lord!

Always remind yourself that you are crucified with Christ, sin has lost its power over you, and you now live in Him. His power is made perfect in our weakness. He is more than enough.

Our righteous status before God can never be earned because it has already been paid through the shedding of blood in what Jesus did for you and me.

We must live by faith and have an intimate relationship with Christ. The Holy Spirit is our comforter. He helps us grow in our peace, freedom, and knowledge of who we are in Him. When you truly figure this out and live with this grace, it will free you, completely transform you, and make you available for God to do His full work in and through you.

I'm so thankful there's a greater way to live and it's by His Grace. God didn't have to, but he freely chose to make us right in His sight and give us this favor, through Christ Jesus. We are free from the penalty of our sins. We are blood-bought.

The gift of Grace Living has been given to all. Offense is not something that you are meant to carry, and it will prevent you from living free. Remember this the next time someone wrongs you. Will you extend this grace or let offense and unforgiveness live in your heart?

Living in this freedom and extending grace to those around you will transform your life. Remember when we mess up, acknowledge it, and repent before the Lord. Do not live in condemnation, self-pity, fear, or anxiety because the price has already been paid.

We were saved by Grace, and we need to live by Grace. Now is the time to start living like it and to celebrate God's Grace!

*Thank you, Jesus, for paying the debt I could not pay and allowing me to live free in you without guilt or shame. Thank you that we are right in your sight. Thank you for your Grace! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*





“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”  
ROMANS 6:14

# LIVING FREE BY GRACE

PASTOR RONNIE WOODS | *Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*

“Wasn’t holding You up, so there’s nothing I can do to let You down.” I love that lyric from a popular worship song. So often, people put immense pressure on themselves, as if they’re performing for God. When they miss the mark, they feel defeated, even unworthy of His love.

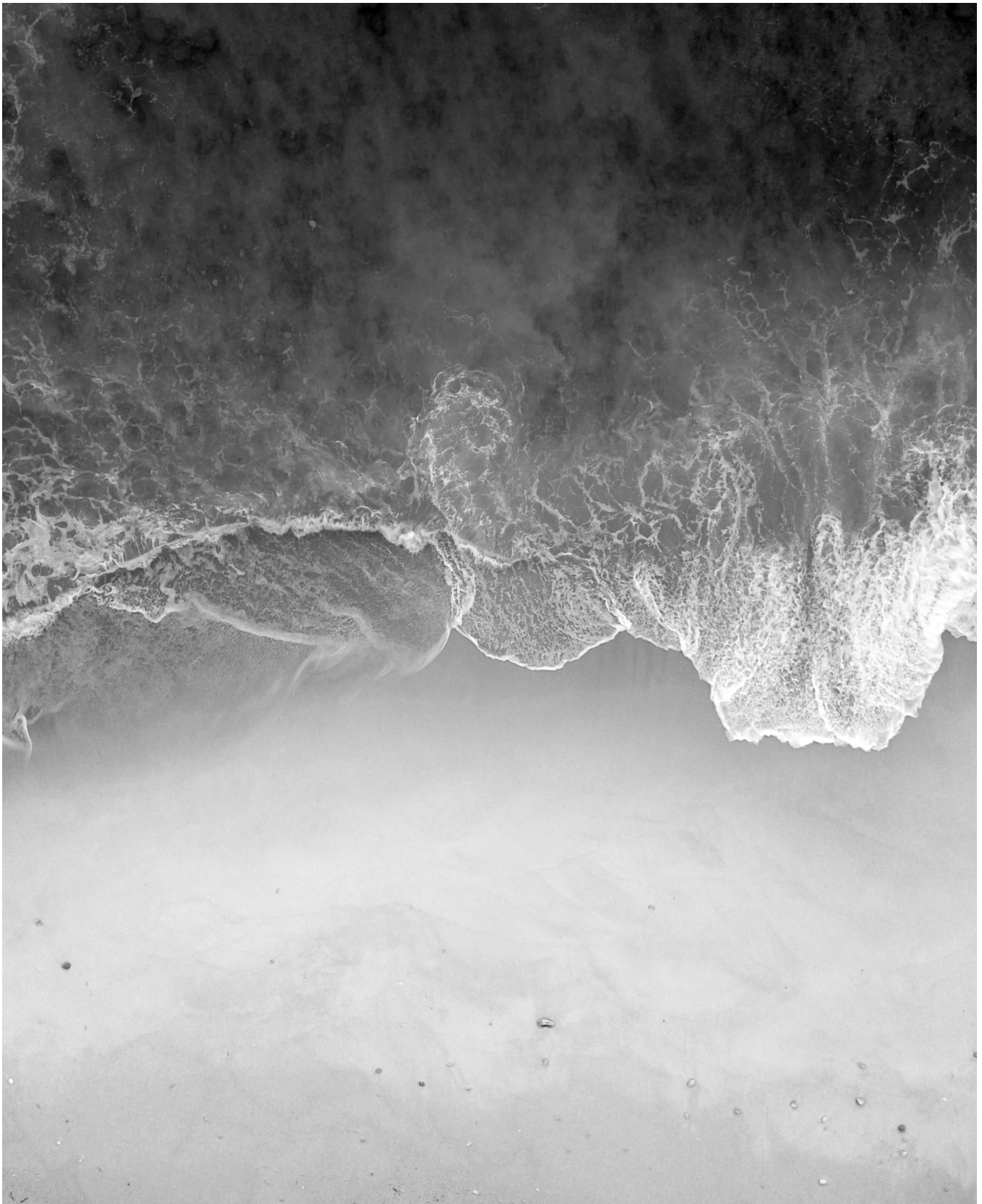
But the truth is, God’s love is not dependent on our performance. In Romans 6:14 (NKJV), the Bible reminds us: “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” What does that mean? It means we are no longer bound by the impossible standard of perfection. Instead, we live under God’s grace, freely given to us through Jesus Christ.

God doesn’t expect us to be sinless; He knows we are not capable of that. The law reveals our sin, but it cannot save us. If we focus solely on our failures, sin begins to weigh us down and take control. Grace, however, offers freedom. There’s no sin too big or shocking for God—Jesus already paid the penalty for it.

Does that mean sin doesn’t matter? Not at all. God calls us to repent when we sin and to turn away from it. Repentance isn’t about perfection; it’s about realignment. Instead of obsessing over our sin, let’s focus on our Savior. When we draw near to Jesus, He empowers us to walk in freedom. Over time, we’ll find sin losing its grip on us.

So don’t let guilt and shame define your relationship with God. Confess your sins sincerely, embrace His forgiveness, and keep pursuing Jesus. His grace is more than enough to cover you—and to transform you.

*God, I thank You today for Your grace. I’m not strong enough to carry the weight of my sin, but I’m thankful that Jesus already paid the price for it. So, I’m laying every sin and every burden of sin at Your feet today. I’m shifting my focus to You, Jesus. I’m grateful that Your mercies are new every morning and that Your grace is more than sufficient for me.. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*



"I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die."  
GALATIANS 2:21



# YOU DON'T HAVE TO STRIVE TO THRIVE

PASTOR JAMES HARRIS | *Calvary New Smyrna Beach (FL)*

When Paul wrote these words to the Galatians, it's important to know that he was passionately reminding them, and us, of the power and purpose of God's grace. He emphasized that grace is not something we earn, deserve, or achieve by keeping a set of laws in our own strength. Rather, grace is God's extravagant gift, fully given & freely offered through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Now, if we could gain right standing with God by our own efforts, our own performance, our own striving, then Jesus' sacrifice would be unnecessary. But, because we cannot, this is why His grace abounds and covers us completely.

But as great as this sounds, many of us today will still often fall into the trap of striving & performance. Because we often measure ourselves by our successes or weigh ourselves down by our failures. Even in our spiritual lives, it's easy to slip into "earning" mode, trying to impress God with our goodness to try and feel worthy of His love. Yet, the call to grace living means releasing these burdens of performance and instead embracing God's unearned favor.

Grace invites us to rest in the knowledge that we are fully known and fully loved by God.

To live in grace is to let go of self-made righteousness and to stand firm in Christ's righteousness. It's allowing God's grace to shape our attitudes, actions, and relationships. This certainly doesn't mean that we ignore the need for growth or holiness, but it does

mean that our motivation and strength should come from understanding God's love for us, and not from our own effort.

Grace living should also compel us to extend what we've freely received to others as well. As we encounter people who don't meet our standards or who make mistakes, we're invited to respond to them, not with judgment, but with grace. Just as God forgives and transforms us, we are called to offer that same grace that can help transform those around us!

Reflect on this truth today: Grace is not an occasional experience or simply a doctrine to be studied; is it the very atmosphere of the Christian life. Because when we embrace this gift, we are truly transformed—not to impress God, but to become more like Him, spreading His love and mercy to a world that needs it.

Let us live in the beauty of grace upon grace this year, knowing that God's love for us is not earned but given freely.

*Heavenly Father, today I receive the fullness of your grace, and I thank you for it. Help me Holy Spirit to rest in the love of the Father this year, knowing that His heart is always for me, and not against me. Empower me to not only receive and live from the place of grace, but to be the kind of person who extends grace as well. In 2025 I don't have to strive, but by your grace, I will thrive! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



“Moreover, the law entered that the offense might abound.  
But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.”  
ROMANS 5:20

# GRACE: THE PERMISSION SLIP

PASTOR JEREMY DUNN | *Kingdom Culture, Orlando (FL)*

When God sought to reestablish Himself to His people after the great fall of humanity's sin, He, in His mercy, gave Moses the law. While the law was a divine portion and reflection of God's holy nature, it did not carry the redemptive power of a blood that was pure and eternal. The law stood in all its power as only a revelation of right and wrong, good and evil. The law put parameters on behavior but fell short in the sense that it had no power to reconcile man back to God. The law, in all its goodness, only revealed to us that a fallen people needed far more than the law could ever provide. At best, the law exposed how desperately we needed something to remove the very darkness that had revoked our rights as sons and daughters.

Romans 5:20 says, "Moreover, the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more."

Insert Christ Jesus, the one who embodied the truth of the law and held the key to grace running through the veins of His body. He was the once-and-for-all spotless Lamb led to the slaughter and while He was being slain for us, His body dripped a GRACE into the earth—grace that would forever leverage learned behaviors into transformed hearts.

God exposed our sin through the law of Moses, but Jesus frees us from our sin through the KEY OF GRACE. His blood covers everything the law could not fix, but it does not stop there. His grace empowers us to live a life beyond sin. Sin is big, but grace is bigger! Think of it this way: the law identified the sin in our lives, while grace invites us to live a life beyond sin!

Through the grace of Christ, we can now trust that sin has truly lost its power over us, and we can rightfully return to our proper position as sons and daughters. How beautiful it is to know that God had a plan to free us from being slaves to sin. This is GRACE LIVING!

Grace living is a permission slip—not a permission slip to continue in sin, but a permission slip to have power over ALL sin through the precious blood of Christ.

*Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for your grace that was freely given to me. I am asking you today to expose to me the areas of my life that are sinful and displeasing to you. I thank you for extending to me the grace to overcome the sin that you have already overcome! I declare in Jesus' name that I am no longer a slave to sin; I am a son of God! Transform my heart into a life of Grace Living, where I am free to be who you intended me to be. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*





“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.”  
ROMANS 16:20

# GRACE IS WITH YOU

PASTOR ANDREW BUTLER | *Near Church, Bowling Green (KY)*

One of the lies we often believe in the Kingdom is that things will always be easy when serving Jesus. Unfortunately, we all must face life and its undeniable challenges. The difference for us is, of course, we have a firm foundation that keeps us in every season and every circumstance that is thrown our way. What makes the difference? Grace!

Life has a way of doing it's absolute best to crush you under its weight. Our enemy takes full advantage of this and pushes us to give up because the pressure is so great. Maybe this last year was a crushing year for you. You went through a season where you didn't feel favored and didn't see the hand of God moving in your life. Don't give up because you've got grace on you!

The lie of the enemy is to convince us that this season lasts forever, but our God has indeed promised us complete and total victory in Christ! Paul tells the church that Satan will be crushed under their feet shortly. He's making sure they understand that this moment they have been living in won't last forever! In the grand scheme of eternity, this will be such a small thing compared to the glory that God will receive from our stories of His redemption.

Grace Living teaches us to walk out every season in His grace because we know what is on the other side of this: the crushing of our enemy. The hard season where it felt like you were void of God's grace is ending shortly. You will look back and see that God's grace

never left you but is what allowed you to survive in a time when so many others would have failed. You'll look back and see how God gave you new measures of grace and that's why you made it through. I made it because His grace never left me but was always with me. So, the very crushing that the devil meant for your demise will be turned around into the crushing of the enemy!

As we begin this year, don't allow the thing that has been crushing you to take your victory and praise, but instead understand that God is with you, and you have grace on your side!

*Father, we thank you for your undeniable grace. We would not be here today without it. We receive new strength today and know that you are turning all things for our good. We will not allow the pressure to cause us to quit, but instead believe that your grace will take the plans of the enemy and turn it on him. We walk by faith today because your grace is sustaining us in every season and every test. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



“For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”  
EPHESIANS 2:8

# THE INVITATION OF GRACE

PASTOR ISAAC RAMIREZ | *Calvary Ormond Beach (FL)*

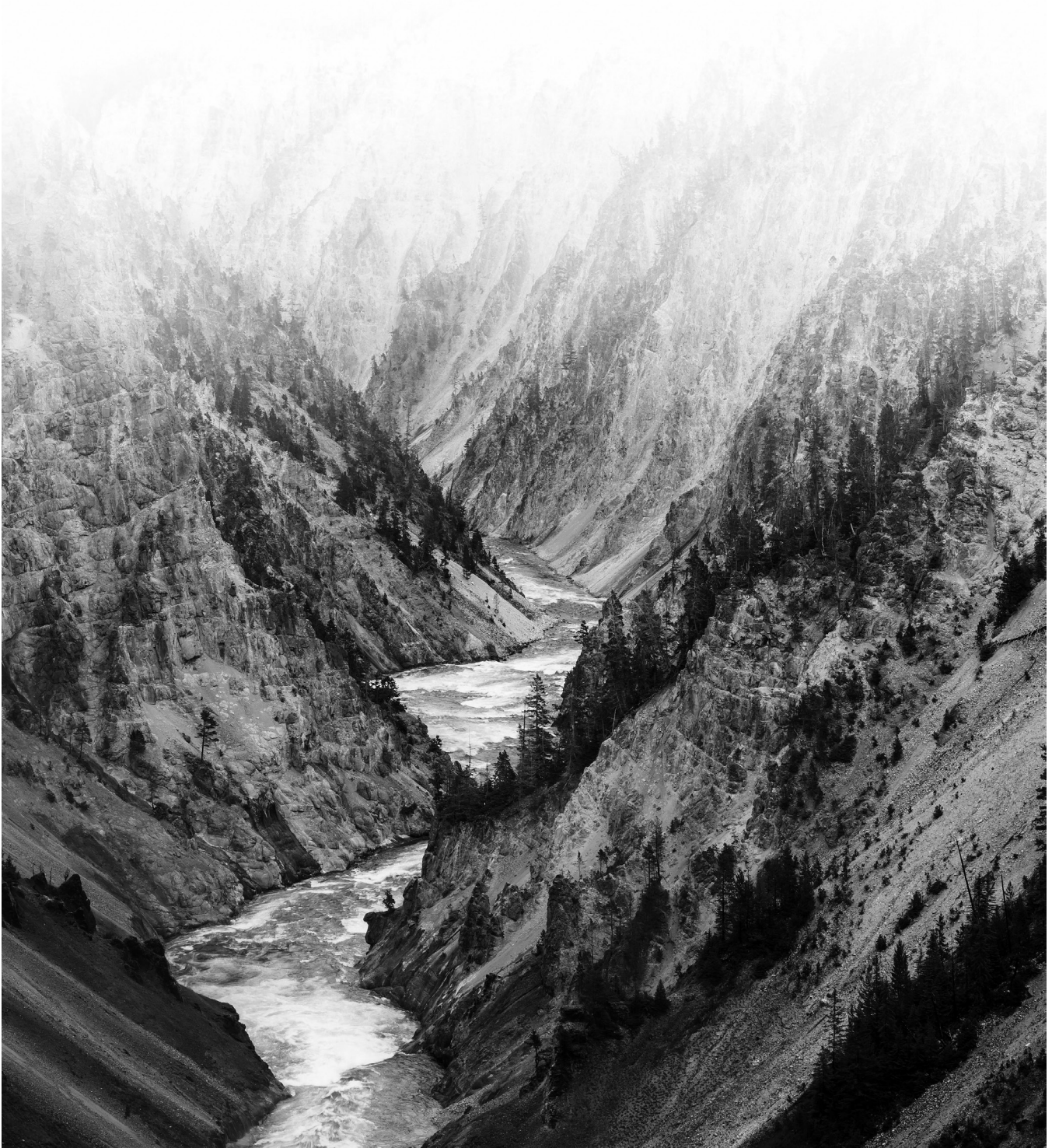
Have you ever tried to earn something that was already yours? What if God's greatest gift requires nothing but your trust? Grace is God's invitation to receive, not achieve. It's His perfect, undeserved gift to us. Often, we want to take credit for certain areas of our lives, holding onto control and striving to change outcomes, but God calls us to trust Him. Salvation was His idea from beginning to end, accomplished entirely by His grace. Grace isn't earned; it's embraced.

Grace Living is when grace does the heavy lifting because it's never about what we do but what He's already done. If we allow His grace to save, heal, and do the impossible in us, how much more could He accomplish if we lived in a state of Grace Living?

Just as we are saved by grace through faith, God invites us to trust Him in every area of our lives. Living in grace means surrendering control and allowing God's power to work through us daily. Do you trust Him today?

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your gift of grace, freely given through faith in Jesus Christ. I acknowledge that I cannot save myself, and I surrender my life to You completely. I refuse to live in the past but fully embrace Your grace that forgives my sins, cleanses my heart, and fills me with Your Holy Spirit. This new year, I choose to walk in Grace Living. When I feel afraid, let down, rejected, hopeless, hurt, confused, discouraged, lonely, overwhelmed, unseen, worn, angry, unforgiven, stressed, numb, ashamed, unloved, depressed, anxious, oppressed, disappointed, or devalued, I will be reminded that Your grace is sufficient. I have all that I need in you. Help me to trust in Your love and live each day guided by Your grace. Today, I declare that I walk, talk, and operate in Your gift of grace for my life. I surrender all to the feet of Jesus, withholding nothing. I worship You and give You honor and praise because You alone deserve it all. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*





“...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”  
2 PETER 3:18



# GRACE: THE SPACE TO GROW & KNOW

PASTOR JOSH CARTER | *Union Culture Church, Cary (NC)*

God's grace is truly great! One song writer even called it AMAZING!

As believers there should be an extreme amount of gratitude for the Grace of God. The scriptures beautifully tell and remind us that our salvation, our being saved, is "by grace, through faith" (Eph.2:8-9), and that this grace is a true gift from God himself! We could never earn our salvation. No amount of works would ever be enough to make us righteous enough. Jesus bridged the gap, gave his life, and with our faith, He extended to us the glorious gift of grace to ensure that we endure to the end.

However, as much as God's Grace is Great and God's Grace is a Gift...the Apostle Peter admonishes us that there is a 3rd dimension we must bring our Christian walk into. Peter says that Grace is a space for us to GROW IN! Peter wonderfully explains that we are to Grow in Grace not be a Grace Grower. There's a significant difference in the two. We don't make God's Grace increase...we understand that God's grace is large enough, infinite enough, and expansive enough for us. Therefore we are admonished to Grow in the Space called Grace. Understanding this allows for us to know that the call to growth as a believer is a fixed fight. In Grace we Grow! That's right. It's that simple.

When we understand the grace of God is a safe space God uses to develop us, teach us, and mold us, we realize that God has put in the perfect conditions to become most like him. And when you couple "growing in grace" with growing in knowledge, you realize that Grace is a space for us to know God in the greatest way. God's Grace should incite a hunger and desire to know him more and ultimately to know Him fully.

So in this Sacred Season, recognize the space you've been given to come into a greater knowledge and experience in God. That Space is Grace and it's the perfect environment for you grow, grow, grow!

*Jesus, Make me aware of the gift of your great grace. Help me to take advantage of it's power and to grow in it, and in the process become more like you! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”  
HEBREWS 4:16

# GRACE: IT'S NOT TOLERANCE BUT FAVOR

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The word grace is one of the most commonly used words in churches today. We say things like, it is only by the grace of God or something like, God gave us grace in a particular situation. While these phrases are generally accurate, they only scratch the surface of what a biblical understanding of what grace really is.

We use grace to describe the long suffering provided from heaven to a struggling believer before God's wrath is applied due to sin or a failure. Grace is often unpacked as a "get out of jail free card" handed out occasionally to those lucky enough to receive one. Even though the underpinning of the word grace is based in biblical principles, amongst believers, it seems to subtly infer to the period a bank allows for a debt to go unpaid called a "grace period." Like with any grace period on a loan, that period runs out and the debt is called by the lender.

But true Grace is not measured by decimal points, numbers, or a clock. It is the immeasurable sum of the unmerited favor on a child of God's life. Heaven's grace which is the essence of our access to Christ, is provided not on loan or by luck but by love. This unmerited favor and access to forgiveness has no requirement for repayment, no loan structure or term. It is simply grace upon grace, a life document with the words "Paid in Full" stamped in red on the cover page.

Grace is the basis for the gospel that Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Understand this Sacred Season, that you have gained salvation not by your own works but by the grace provided by the cross. And with that atonement you can approach the very throne of grace to obtain mercy and direct exchange with our Savior. Approach God's throne in prayer differently knowing that you are not a debtor under payment obligation or a gambler with great odds but a redeemed soul by His grace.

*Heavenly Father, remind me today that I can approach your throne boldly; not on my own merit, but by the grace you have bestowed on my life. Remind me that I am no longer a debtor, but that I walk freely in your unmerited favor because of your sacrifice. Help me to live in the grace you have provided me and to live a life of sharing this with others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*





“For what makes a distinction between you and someone else?  
And what do you have that grace has not given you?  
And if you received it as a gift, why do you boast as if there is something special about you?”  
1 CORINTHIANS 4:7

# GRACE: A GIFT TO THE HUMBLE

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The Corinthian church had a problem that Paul sought to address. It was evident in the cliques around different apostles. These cliques revealed a deeper issue. The issue of pride. It was a “my way is better than yours” type of attitude, and it was creating divisions in the body of Christ. Paul responds with a question. I love how the Passion Translation puts it. “What do you have that grace has not given you?” This question offers a path toward humility. In 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (TPT) Paul writes “I planted the church, and Apollos came and cared for it but it was God who made it grow. This means the one who plants is not anybody special, nor the one who waters, for God is the one who brings the supernatural growth.” Paul knew that anything he had to offer was because of God’s glorious grace. Jealousy, comparison, quarreling and side taking are all signs of spiritual immaturity (1 Cor. 3:1-4) A believer’s life is not marked by spiritual gifts alone but by spiritual fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). This is the evidence of Christ in us. It is a by-product of HIS work in our lives as we surrender to Him.

Grace can only be received in humility because it’s not something that can be earned. Perhaps the Lord is inviting us into a season of greater meekness and lowliness. We are forever in the school of surrender learning to master the art of leaning. Recognizing that it is Christ in us that makes the difference. This is beautiful because it takes the pressure off of us to be what we cannot be on our own. Dependency is such a vital part of our faith. Humility looks a lot less like perfect behavior and a lot more like dependence. In fact, Christ died to gift us dependence not independence. We cannot simply “do better” we can only surrender more, and it is the power of Christ in us that brings the transformation. In our western culture we’ve been conditioned to operate in our own strength rather than lean on the Lord, but I have such a strong sense that He is undoing us in this hour.

He’s teaching us how to lean on Him again. It’s the only way forward if we are going to step into the new thing He wants to do in the earth through His church.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me one morning and said, “my fire is only falling on humility”. It was sobering. There’s a brand-new fire the Lord is releasing, but it’s only going to fall upon yielded vessels. Those who aren’t operating in their own strength but postured in surrender, fully dependent upon Him and not self. Many of us have been in a season of refinement. The Lord has been putting his finger on things in our hearts in order to heal us. This has required us to live humbly before Him, leaning on His grace and His power to transform us into His image. We don’t know it all or have it all figured out, but we know the one who does. When we realize that everything we have is because of grace, it changes the way we live. Who are we to hold an offense when we’ve been partakers of grace through his precious sacrifice? How can we waste time quarreling and choosing sides when Christ chose to stand with us while we were still sinners? Having received such grace, shouldn’t we also offer what we’re living in every single day?

This is our year to go low and allow the Lord to do a deep work that bears lasting fruit. This is our moment to lean fully on Christ as he purges us of all that hinders love from being perfected within us. Casting down all pride and coming before Him with contrite hearts (Psalm 51:16-17). Trading pride, ego and ambition for humility, love and dependency on Him. In the end, what do we have that grace has not given us?

*Dear Jesus, I recognize that everything I am and all that I have is because of you and your marvelous grace in my life. Thank you for it. I need it everyday. As I open my heart to receive this grace, help me to give it to those around me. Teach me the art of leaning on you. There’s a fresh surrender I’m bringing you today. Mold and shape me into your beautiful image. I love you Jesus. In your precious name I pray, Amen.*





“He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.”  
EPHESIANS 1:7

# GRACE BEYOND MEASURE

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God's grace is an immeasurable gift, poured out abundantly through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:7 paints a vivid picture of this divine generosity, reminding us that God didn't withhold His best from us. Instead, He gave His Son, whose blood purchased our freedom and forgiveness. This is grace: unmerited favor, given not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

Grace reminds us that we don't have to earn God's love. It's not about striving or performing; it's about receiving. In His kindness, God saw us trapped in sin and chose to intervene. He didn't just wipe our sins away; He bought our freedom at the highest cost—Jesus's life. This is a love that defies comprehension.

Think about what this freedom means. It releases us from the bondage of condemnation, shame, and fear. It's the ability to approach God boldly (Heb. 4), knowing we are forgiven and loved. Through grace, we are no longer defined by our mistakes but by Christ's righteousness.

We were dead in our sins, but Jesus intervened. We had a debt we could not pay, so He paid a debt He did not owe, and purchased our freedom with his blood, once and for all.

Take time today to reflect on the richness of God's kindness and grace. Let gratitude fill your heart as you consider the freedom and forgiveness you've received. And as you bask in this grace, ask yourself: How can I extend this same grace to others?

*Lord, thank You for Your overwhelming grace and kindness. Help me to live in the freedom You've given me and to share this grace with those around me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*





“Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God.  
Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.”  
HEBREWS 12:15



# GRACE: THE KEY TO LOVE OTHERS

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God makes it clear that we aren't meant to walk this Christian life alone. It's impossible to do it without God and it's just as hard to do it without other people. You have heard it before, "you aren't meant to do life alone!" But why? Why is it that we need to depend on Him and depend on other people? Honestly, if we didn't need to depend on God, then we wouldn't need God. And He didn't create us that way. He knew if we tried to do it on our own, we would fail. We wouldn't be able to reach heaven by ourselves. Have you ever told yourself that you can do this Christian walk alone, or I don't have to go to church to have a relationship with God? Could it be that others are depending on you in this walk? Depending on your yes!

Our end goal shouldn't be about entering the kingdom of heaven alone, but how many people have you helped enter heaven with you! Can you imagine that moment, you are entering the gates of heaven and looking around. You see family, friends, and strangers that God was able to make an impact in their lives using you, using your relationship, using your interactions with them. You may even spot some people there that have helped you in your journey.

In Hebrews 12:15, "look after each other" is a command. It's not optional. It's a reminder of Jesus's greatest commandment in Matthew 22, "to love God with all our heart, mind and soul". But He didn't stop there. He continued, "A second equally important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself". We are meant to help each other in this walk so we all receive the grace of God. One way we can do this is by

giving others the same grace God gives us. This means seeing people for who God created them to be and not what their past says about them. I'm so grateful that God sees through my mistakes.

You have an enemy who constantly reminds you of your mistakes and wants you to judge others for theirs. He also wants you to feel alone and like you can't depend on other people. This is why the scripture warns us, "watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many". The poisonous root doesn't only affect you; it affects others around you (corrupting many). The enemy's objective is to cause division in the kingdom of God and keep you distracted from the goal. Not only that, but he also fears it! The enemy fears power in unity. He fears the sight of the Lord's people looking after each other, building each other up and living out our purpose.

Jesus showed us what this looked like when He was on earth. Look at His relationship with the disciples, how He loved them, and looked after them.

*Lord, help me see people the way you see them. Help me love people the way you love people. Look into my heart and reveal anything that doesn't belong, any bitterness growing inside of me. I give it to you Lord. Help me look after my brother and sister in Christ so that one day, we would be walking through the gates of heaven together. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."  
Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



# THE POWER OF GENEROSITY

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Grace giving is a concept that goes beyond simply donating money or resources; it embodies a spirit of generosity rooted in love and gratitude. One of the most profound biblical references that illuminates this idea is found in 2 Corinthians 12:9, where the Apostle Paul writes, “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’” This verse highlights the essence of grace itself—an unearned gift that empowers us, especially in our moments of need.

At its core, grace giving is about recognizing the blessings we have received and sharing those blessings with others. It stems from an understanding that everything we possess is a gift from God. When we embrace grace in our lives, it transforms our perspective on giving. Instead of viewing it as an obligation or a duty, we start to see it as an opportunity to reflect God’s love and grace toward others.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul addresses the church in Corinth about the importance of giving and generosity. He encourages them to give not out of necessity, but out of a cheerful heart (2 Corinthians 9:7). This aligns with the idea that grace giving is a joyful response to the grace we have experienced ourselves. When we give generously, we are participating in a divine cycle of grace—receiving from God and sharing with others.

Consider how grace giving can transform our communities. When individuals or groups choose to give generously, it creates a ripple effect. People in need receive support, and in turn, they often feel inspired to help others. This interconnectedness reflects the heart of grace—an endless cycle of giving and receiving that fosters love and compassion within our communities.

Grace giving is a beautiful expression of our faith and gratitude. Rooted in the understanding that God’s grace is sufficient for us, it calls us to respond with generosity, especially in our moments of weakness. As we embrace this concept, we not only bless others but also experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from being part of something greater than ourselves. Let us remember that, as we give from a place of grace, we reflect the love of Christ and contribute to a more compassionate world.

*Lord make my heart the heart of generosity and allow me to lean on grace as you place individuals in my life to help. Help me extend my faith so that others may receive the same grace that I have received. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*



“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you,  
always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

# GRACE TO SERVE

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What an incredible verse to begin our year. Sometimes we can forget the importance of giving and receiving, as our loving Father continues to flourish us with His measure of love, forgiveness, joy, hope, and wisdom. Can you remember a time when you were given grace? Perhaps, it was a time when you knew you were wrong, yet you were given grace. How about the time when no one saw it, but it was “God’s Grace”? (Take a moment to give Him Praise right now).

In John 13, the disciples witnessed their Master stepping down to become one of them. He laid aside His garment, not only for those twelve men, but for us all. He came to earth, stripped of the glory He enjoyed with the Father before the foundation of the world. The Prince of Peace stripped of His deity to appear before His disciples in only a common towel, knelt on the floor and began to wash their feet. Peter was embarrassed for His Lord. To think that His master would allow Himself to be seen in such a demeaning light. One moment He stands before them as stately as a prince; the next, He was kneeling as a common servant. He put on the towel of servanthood.

God will equip you with everything you need to fulfill His plan for your life. That you, always having all sufficiency in all things may have an abundance for every good work. May we pick up the towel and give grace to all those in need, remembering we need it, too.

This year, we have been given the grace for every good work. As we are available and listen, beyond the noise of distractions, for His voice, He will lead us into His divine plan for our lives. He will supply the grace to give, to help, to pray and to love others.

*Father, thank you for the grace you have given to me for your calling on my life. I declare in this year that I walk in all sufficiency in all things, and I have an abundant supply for every good work. Use me to impact others as I take up the towel following your example of a servant. In Jesus’ Name. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*





“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt,  
that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”  
COLOSSIANS 4:6

# ANSWER WITH GRACE

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Today's scripture reading reminds us as believers to be gracious with our words. One of the most significant ways we can display and give grace is through the way we speak to others. I have personally had the opportunity to lead others to Christ, beginning by simply speaking kind words to them. Yes, I've had my beliefs challenged, and even at times, disrespected. However, responding with grace and kindness has often opened the door for even the most difficult individuals to receive Christ. I ask myself "What's most important? My need to be right? Or their need for Jesus?" No, this is not merely about being nice to everyone. It's about using wisdom in our interactions, being sure that our words lead them to Christ.

As believers, we should always be aware of the reality that our words carry great weight. This means we don't use our words flippantly, as if there is no impact to be made. Our words are to be "seasoned with salt", making it easier for others to see AND desire the Christ in you. The world doesn't need another reason to doubt the gospel. They need to see it alive and active in each of our lives.

Do our words and conversations exemplify the life of a believer? Or do they cause people to question our beliefs? I would challenge us to use caution and wisdom when speaking to others, reminding ourselves that we belong to Jesus. We are His representatives in the earth; ambassadors to a loving God who came to seek and to save that which is lost. We were ALL saved by His grace (through faith), and now we have a chance to extend that same grace to those around us. Let's use our words wisely.

*Lord, Your Word says that one day we will give an account for every careless word we speak, so I pray for Your Holy Spirit to put a guard over my mouth and a watch over the door of my lips that what I speak glorifies Your Name. Help me to speak words that are seasoned with salt and answer with words filled with grace. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."  
JAMES 4:6



# GREATER GRACE

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In this season, I am reminded of the older hymn, “Grace that is greater than all our sin”. It says, “Grace, Grace, God’s Grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within. Grace, Grace, God’s Grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.” What a beautiful reminder in this sacred season that His grace is greater. Let’s take a moment and receive this, His grace is GREATER!

James reminds us in Chapter 4, Verse 6, “And He gives grace generously.” As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” As sons and daughters of God, we have a promise from our Heavenly Father to receive His grace generously.

In other words, we no longer have to live in spiritual lack/poverty. So many times we live below the promised abundant life that Jesus Christ died for, because we have allowed the enemy to convince us we have sinned too much, gone too far, or that we are unworthy to receive, but James so clearly reminds us that God gives grace generously, or as some translations say, a greater grace.

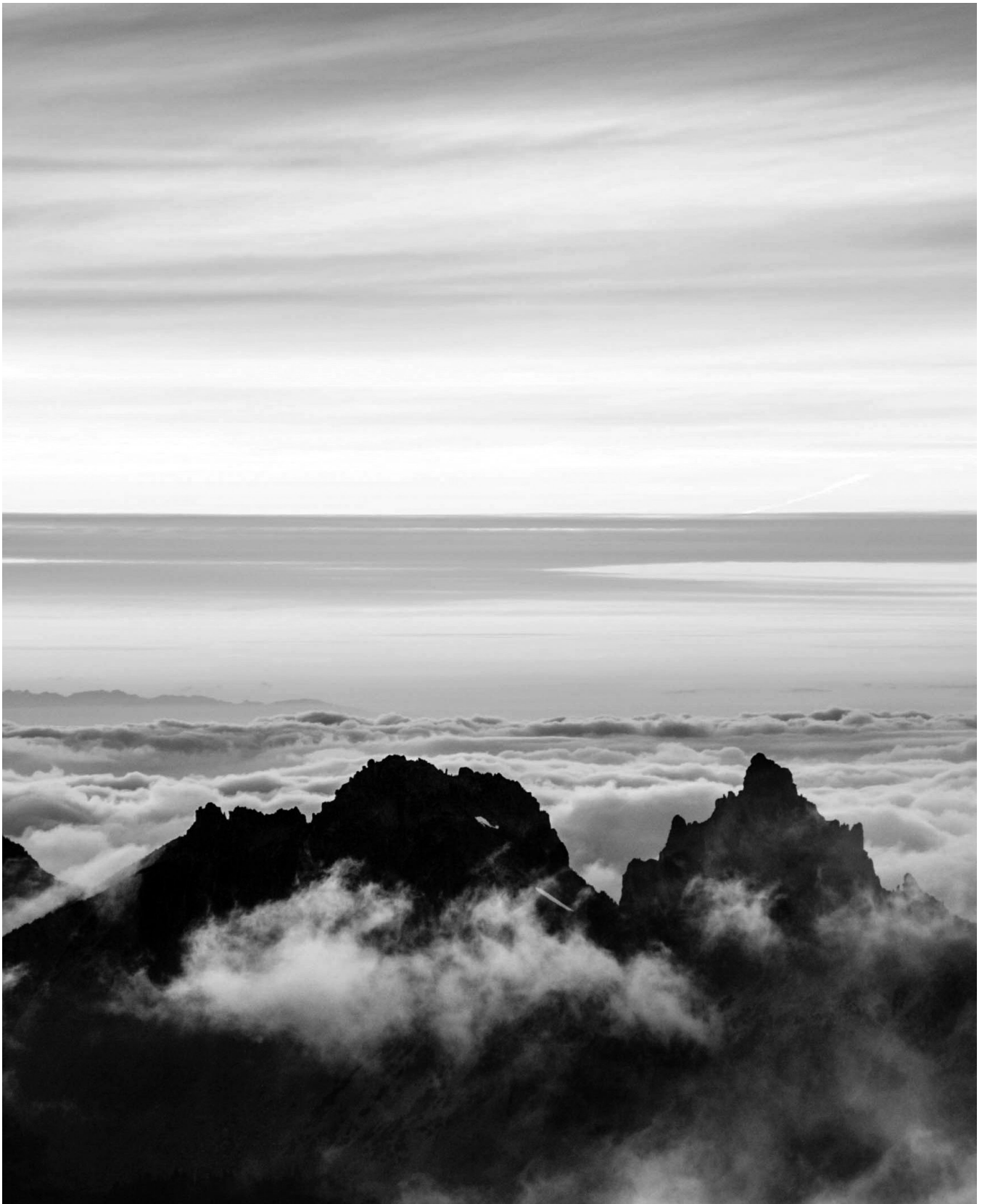
Just as the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, He also gives us the greater grace to be able to be an overcomer and serve Him with this greater measure. As we serve Him, we don’t serve Him in our own strength, but by the measure of grace that He so generously has given each one of us. While it has been given, we must be in a posture to fully receive it. Therefore, we must ensure that our posture is one of humility.

James said, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” God is looking for a posture of humility physically, emotionally, and spiritually in our lives. Just as Jesus took on a servant’s posture on this earth, we too must take on this posture of humility. To serve, not to be served is the posture that our Heavenly Father is looking for in each of our lives.

Be encouraged today, Son and Daughter of the King, God has given you grace generously, not just to be forgiven from sin, but to be free. A life of freedom is lived with a posture of humility, to serve, to give, to love, and to become more like Christ every day. In this sacred season, let us pray and position ourselves to receive all of what Christ died for so that we may live in this grace, to serve Him with excellence in all areas of our life.

*Father, We love you! We praise you for giving us this grace so generously that we may live in such a way to honor you in every area of our life. We choose to position ourselves right now to receive all that you sent Jesus to die for. If there is any pride in me today, strip it all away. I lay myself down before you and position myself as your humble servant to carry the call and assignment you have in my life. I receive the measure of grace, the greater grace today. I choose victory today. I choose to be an overcomer today. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*





“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory;  
no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”  
PSALM 84:11

# THE LORD GIVES GRACE AND GLORY

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## WHO THE LORD IS FOR US:

### **The Lord is a Sun.**

The sun provides illumination, warmth, and sustenance. Just as the natural sun gives light to guide our steps and life to sustain all creation, God is the source of spiritual light and life. Without Him, we remain in darkness and lack. He reveals truth, provides direction, and sustains our souls. His presence chases away confusion and fear, bringing clarity and hope to those who seek Him.

### **The Lord is a Shield.**

As a shield, God is our protector and defender. A shield guards against attacks, absorbing the blows meant for the one it protects. In the same way, God stands as our ultimate defense, shielding us from harm, guiding us through trials, and securing our present and our future. When we trust in Him, we find safety and security under His mighty protection.

## WHAT THE LORD GIVES TO US:

### **The Lord gives Grace.**

Grace is the unearned, unlimited favor of God. It is His gift to us, covering all our faults, sins, and shortcomings. Through grace, we are redeemed, restored, and empowered to live for Him. He does not withhold His grace from us; rather, He pours it out abundantly, enabling us to overcome challenges and reflect His love to others.

### **The Lord gives Glory.**

All glory belongs to God, yet He chooses to share it with His people. Every achievement, every blessing, and every success in our lives is a reflection of His goodness. Our ability to glorify God stems from His gracious provision. He bestows dignity and honor on us, reminding us that we are deeply loved and valued as His children.

The promise of Psalm 81:11 is extraordinary: God will withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly. This does not mean we will have everything we want, but it assures us that He will provide what is best for us. His gifts are always aligned with His perfect wisdom and love.

If God does not withhold from us, we should respond by withholding nothing from Him. Our time, talents, careers, homes, and finances should be fully surrendered to His will. This year, let's trust in His character and generosity, and live a life that reflects His glory and grace.

*Heavenly Father, today I receive your grace and glory over my life. Thank you that you do not withhold it, but you freely give it, even though I do not deserve it. I pray that my life will reflect your grace and glory to all those in my sphere of influence and that many will see your goodness through me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



“Each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards  
of the manifold grace of God.”  
1 PETER 4:10



# DESIGNED WITH GRACE

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God created you on purpose with a purpose. The Word of God says, “He knew you before you were ever formed in your mother’s womb”. He had a blueprint of your life already mapped out before you were ever created. Within that blueprint, there are many details that are intricate and interwoven together. He knows every detail of who you are, down to how many hairs are on your head. He knows you inside and out because he designed you with “purpose” in mind.

When you build a machine, you design and build it for a specific product. For example, if a machine is built to make a ball, then that machine will produce a ball. But the moment you tell it to build a square box, it will not produce the product you hope to see. Why? Because that was not its original design.

You also are designed for a specific purpose and have been given a gift to work in tandem with your purpose. God has equipped you with everything you need to fulfill that purpose. Not only has He equipped you, but He has empowered you by His grace to minister your gift to one another.

Your gift is not meant to be hidden. When you light a lamp, you do not hide it under a basket, but you put it on a stand. It’s the same concept. God has entrusted you with the responsibility to minister your gift, and to exercise your gift with care and diligence.

When you first begin to operate in your gift, it can feel somewhat intimidating. But the more you exercise your gift, the easier it is, and the stronger your gift becomes. The Lord told Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, My power is made perfect in weakness.”

I believe in 2025; the Lord is calling you out of your comfort zone and into a place of dependency upon Him. In this next season, you cannot afford to not be who God has created you to be. Let your gift shine as you minister it to one another by the grace of God.

*Lord, reveal the gift(s) you have given me, and give me the boldness and courage to exercise that gift and minister it to others. Lord, thank you that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. May your name be glorified as I walk in the purpose and design for my life. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.*



“Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us —I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-9

# BECAUSE OF GRACE UPON GRACE

We are closing out Sacred Season with faith, hope and confidence that 2025 will be our year of Grace upon Grace.

As we come together on this Sacred Sunday and put God first by sowing our Sacred Season seed, join me in declaring a mighty declaration of faith.

This year God’s grace will be magnified, layered and multi- dimensional in my life. In 2025, giants fall, doors open, families are restored, yokes are destroyed, obstacles are removed, battles are won, children are saved, expansion occurs, hindrances dissolve, doubts are dispelled, healing manifests, blessings fall, revival is released, restoration comes, prosperity arises, Christ is glorified, and promises are possessed because of GRACE UPON GRACE!

We receive all this by faith. We know, none of this occurs because we are worthy or we even deserve it, BUT because in Jesus’ name, this is our year of grace upon grace! Our testimony ever is and ever shall be: “Each victory won and all breakthrough released has and will occur because of GRACE UPON GRACE!”

Looking forward with EXPECTANCY.



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