

The Spirit of Grace

The Spirit of Life - Week 6 (11-8-23)

John 1:14-17

I. Grace and Truth

- A. We must take an honest look at truth before God's Grace has an opportunity to change us.
 - 1. Romans 3:21-23 - We all need the Grace of God, because no one measures up to God's standard of truth.
- B. Grace is the power that gets us to the place that we know we should be but can never get there on our own.
 - 1. D.L. - "Grace is a great elevator."
 - a) 2 Corin. 9:8
 - b) 2 Corin. 12:7-10
 - (1) It's a messenger of satan NOT of God. But we all know that God takes what the enemy means for evil and turns it for our good.
 - (2) God uses our areas of weakness to display His glory through us, and to take us to new levels.
 - (3) Paul was willing to embrace his challenges and face his circumstances head on when he could see the end result of God's grace.
 - (a) Are you experiencing any challenging circumstances that you need the strength to face head on?

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II. Trust God's Process

- A. Joseph - Genesis 50:19-20
 - 1. D.L. "You haven't been buried, you've just been planted."
 - a) It makes all the difference to know that God won't waste your pain and that there are good things on the other side.
- B. Jeremiah 27-29
 - 1. Don't fight it!
 - a) 27:8 - If you fight God's process, you can become a victim of it.
 - (1) DL - Don't frustrate the grace of God!
 - (2) When we choose to resist God's grace in an area, the very situations that God planned to use in your growth and development can become your undoing.
 - 2. Know the will of God!
 - a) 28:10-17
 - (1) We cannot base our peace and security on our circumstances or on what "men of God" may say. We must know for ourselves what the will of God is for us personally, and trust His plan whether it is hard or not.
 - 3. God's grace often challenges us but it's intention is always to prosper you.
 - a) 29:4-11
 - (1) Go ahead and live in that hard place! Verses 5-6

- (a) Increase! Don't diminish!
- (b) Don't allow your challenging circumstances to weaken you to the point of defeat. Allow God's grace to work in your life that you may increase and prosper in spite of your circumstances.

III. Remember the Goal of God's Grace

A. Intimacy and Connection - Eph. 2:8-10

1. By calling us to walk WITH Him, God is also calling us to walk LIKE Him.
 - a) It's His grace that enables us to walk with Him, and empowers us to walk like Him.
 - b) He is reproducing His self in us as His offspring. When and where we submit to His disciplines is where we are His children and taking on His character.