

### Graced to Hope

Walking in grace calls us to look at eternal outcomes rather than our world today. When we live as grace agents to advance God's plans, we will live in hope.



### Applying Grace

Mentally understanding God's Grace is not the challenge. Reordering our lives in accordance with God's grace requires a commitment to daily gracious living.



### Good Gracious Homework:

1. What is one lesson you learned?
2. What is one way to change the way you pray?
3. What are some of the differences between your old nature and your new nature in Christ? How is grace needed to live out the new nature?
4. You have at least one spiritual gift to serve. Tell someone else what that gift is and how you can joyfully use the gift more grace-fully.

“ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ”

[Ephesians 4:29](#)

Grace wants to become THE guiding principle in all of our conversations. Social media may be a new world, but it is just another means of communication. We should not be afraid of Facebook or other social media. Our postings should be graced and our reaction to negative or foolish conversation should be graced as well.

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## Gracious Living

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# Gracious Help & Ministry Empowerment

## Gracious Help

- In weakness (2 Cor 12:9)
- In pride and humility (1 Pt 5:5b-7)
- In sharing (2 Cor 8:1, 9)
- In conversation (Eph 4:29)

## New Creation

- All new being (2 Cor 5:17)
- All new deeds (v. 18)
- All new words (v. 19)
- All new ambassadors (v. 20)

## Grace Agents

- Graced members of the body (Ro 12:3-6)
- Graced missionaries (Eph 3:2)
- Graced stewards (1 Pt 4:10)



## Think About It

Ambassadors live and work in embassies. As such, the places where they work, and even their cars, are considered territory of their home kingdom. How can your home, car and other spaces be used as God's embassy outpost?

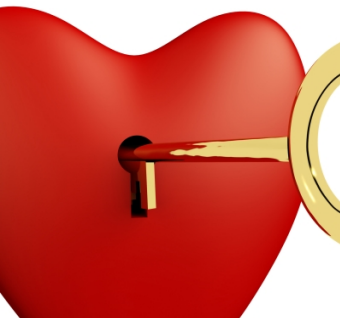
## Review

What lesson did you apply from last week?

How did grace change the way you prayed?

Are you ready to share the way grace is freeing you from past pain? Think about the ways grace changes the pain from a shackle to a gift.

How have you worked to change your thinking this week? What results do you see so far?



**Are you living the good life?** Many perceptions of the good life are rooted in conspicuous consumption. "The Good Life" frequently consists of things like expensive homes, cars, vacations and leisure without responsibility. Graced life is different.



### Kingdom Producers

Life satisfaction is strongly connected to being a contributor to ones social group or society in general. Grace calls us out of despair and listlessness by putting us on God's mission. This is why God gives us His Holy Spirit.

God's gracious gifts include gifting for ambassador service. Ambassadors always speak the words of the one who sent them. God has a purpose for you. He has given you a service gift. Live the good life by being a kingdom producer rather than drifting through life as a consumer.



Walk into God's Grace!

Receiving grace is linked to giving grace. God strategically placed you to share His grace with others. Consider the various webs of relationship in your life. Do not delay ... share grace with someone else this week!