



Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you were writing your autobiography, without using your name what would the title be?*

1. Pastor Tony spoke of how God's grace gives us four different ways to listen to God. Which of these ways do you trust the most and which way do you use the least? Why?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-10**. Paul's backstory was that of a devout Jewish Bible scholar who so missed what God was doing that he opposed Him. Pastor Tony spoke of this as being "so near 'God' that I miss God." What makes that possible and how has it happened to you?
3. Pastor Tony said that because of God's grace "I get to be honest." Read **Romans 7:15-16**, noting the amazing honesty of the great Apostle Paul. What about grace could make Paul so free to be honest about his struggles and how could living in that same grace free you to live with similar honesty?
4. Pastor Tony noted that because of God's grace "I get a choice – every time", because as **Romans 8:12-13** says, in Christ "you have no obligation" to sin. The choice is yours. How has that changed the way you live as you walk with Jesus?
5. How have you experienced the reality of Pastor Tony's teaching that "Hustling through my abilities", "Floating in my feelings", "Maturing in my theology", or "Behaving in my morality" can actually work against you resting in God's grace?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

**Day One:** Matthew 17; Psalm 106

**Day Two:** Leviticus 16; Proverbs 13

**Day Three:** 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Kings 2

**Day Four:** 2 John 1; Jeremiah 40

**Day Five:** Ecclesiastes 2; Acts 22

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# Enough?

"What Grace Really Does" (Part 1)

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## MESSAGE NOTES

# "What Grace Really Does" (Part 1)

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What is God saying to me while I'm saying whatever I'm saying to Him?

By His grace, I get to listen to God...

- through His w\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ (vs what I've \_\_\_\_\_)
- through His p\_\_\_\_\_/c\_\_\_\_\_ (vs \_\_\_\_\_)
- through His outside-in/inside-out P\_\_\_\_\_ (vs religion \_\_\_\_\_)
- through my p\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_ (vs \_\_\_\_\_)

What do I know about _____?	How do I know?

The path to today's takeaway...

- **Acts 8:1, 9:1a, 9:28, 13:9a, 22:3-8**
- \_\_\_\_\_: I get what I deserve
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**1 Corinthians 15:1-10:** What is God saying to me?

\_\_\_\_\_: Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ reclaim me and  
\_\_\_\_\_ change me...if \_\_\_\_\_.

- I can be so near \_\_\_\_\_ that I miss \_\_\_\_\_...and in doing so, \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
- I get to let Jesus Christ be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I get to turn a future self "what if?" into a today "what if?" \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_: I may not really \_\_\_\_\_  
myself...sin wires me to collapse into \_\_\_\_\_.

- I get to \_\_\_\_\_. (**Romans 7:15-16**)
- I get a capable \_\_\_\_\_. (**Romans 7:22-25**)

\_\_\_\_\_: By God's grace, I am not alone, nor stuck...  
if I collapse into \_\_\_\_\_.

- I get God's grace...which is \_\_\_\_\_. (**Romans 8:1-2**)
- I get a choice - \_\_\_\_\_. (**Romans 8:12-13**)
- I get to be God's \_\_\_\_\_. (**Romans 8:16**)
- I get to share in \_\_\_\_\_ for what matters. (**Romans 8:17-18**)

## Is it Enough?

- How do I know if I am resting in God's grace, or instead...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ through my \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Floating in my \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Maturing in my \_\_\_\_\_?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in my morality?
- How do I check if I'm ducking growth that can only happen if I stop \_\_\_\_\_?
- How do I avoid turning grace into a \_\_\_\_\_?
- How do I embrace even \_\_\_\_\_?  
(**Romans 8:35-39**)

### Don't miss this...

I can let God be \_\_\_\_\_ to me...  
and teach me to be \_\_\_\_\_ to myself.

**Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!**

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What is God saying to me while I'm saying whatever I'm saying to Him?

By His grace, I get to listen to God...

- through His written words (vs what I've heard)
- through His people/church (vs who's nearby)
- through His outside-in/inside-out Presence (vs religion at Him)
- through my prayerful attention (vs nostalgic zeal)

What do I know about <u>God</u> ?	How do I know?

The path to today's takeaway...

- **Acts 8:1, 9:1a, 9:28, 13:9a, 22:3-8**
- Justice: I get what I deserve
- Mercy: I get less than what I deserve
- Grace: I get what I could never deserve.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-10**: What is God saying to me?

**IDENTITY**: Jesus Christ can reclaim me and can change me...if I want Him to.

- I can be so near "God" that I miss God...and in doing so, mistake myself.
- I get to let Jesus Christ be the Savior.
- I get to turn a future self "what if?" into a today "what if?" if God says it's true.

**INSTINCT**: I may not really understand myself...sin wires me to collapse into distracting, deadly urges.

- I get to be honest. (**Romans 7:15-16**)
- I get a capable Savior. (**Romans 7:22-25**)

**INVITATION**: By God's grace, I am not alone, nor stuck...if I collapse into Him.

- I get God's grace...which is greater than all my sin. (**Romans 8:1-2**)
- I get a choice - every time. (**Romans 8:12-13**)
- I get to be God's child. (**Romans 8:16**)
- I get to share in suffering for what matters. (**Romans 8:17-18**)

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- How do I know if I am resting in God's grace, or instead...
  - Hustling through my abilities?
  - Floating in my feelings?
  - Maturing in my theology?
  - Behaving in my morality?
- How do I check if I'm ducking growth that can only happen if I stop deflecting?
- How do I avoid turning grace into a bumper sticker?
- How do I embrace even better questions? (**Romans 8:35-39**)

Don't miss this...

I can let God be gracious to me...and teach me to be gracious to myself.



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