



# LIVING IN BETWEEN

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is a part of our DNA. Share prayer requests and pray together.

# BIBLE VERSES

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:1-3;  
Ephesians 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 3:21-24;  
Matthew 5:17; Romans 5:20b-21; John 10:10; Ephesians 2:10

# THE 3 QUESTIONS

1. How are you living dead to sin?
2. Are you pursuing Jesus in every area of your life?
3. What are you investing in?

## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- God's got a plan for your life, and it's not your plans with God's blessing, it's God's blessing on your life as you follow His plan.
- Share your faith.

 **NORTHEAST**  
**MESSAGE NOTES**  
Living In Between  
Part 3 – “How to Live”  
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**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** “For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.”

**Galatians 2:20** “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

**1. Dead to sin.**

**Ephesians 2:1-3** “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.”

**Ephesians 2:4-5** “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

**a. Realizing** grace

**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.”

No matter how many times you fall, no matter how many times you fail, no matter how many times you forget, God’s grace is always available to us.

How do we abuse God’s grace? –

• When we sin more.

**Romans 6:1-2** “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”

• Refusing to accept the consequences of our sins.

**Romans 3:21-24** NLT “But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> 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.”

• Abusing God’s Law

Grace does not replace the law of God.

**Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Righteousness is the pursuit of Jesus in every area of our lives.

**Romans 5:20b-21** “But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**1. Alive** to Christ.

Investment = time, money, mindset, emotions and actions.

**John 10:10** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

The enemy wants to rob you of a fulfilled life. When we are alive to Christ we are fulfilled and live with purpose!

God’s got a plan for your life, and it’s not your plans with God’s blessing, it’s God’s blessing on your life as you follow His plans.

**Ephesians 2:10** “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

The proof of living a life alive to Christ is found by how you share what Christ has done in your life and leading others to Him.

How do we live? Share your faith.