

# grace

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_

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- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_

## GRACE IS NOT

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of the offense.
- ✓ Instant \_\_\_\_\_ of trust.
- ✓ Resuming the relationship without \_\_\_\_\_

## YOU KNOW ME...

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. I am confident as I write this letter that you will do what I ask and even more! (Philemon 17–21)

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (Romans 2:4, ESV)

Grace: When what you \_\_\_\_\_ becomes what you \_\_\_\_\_

"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." (Luke 11:4)

## PUT GRACE INTO ACTION

1. \_\_\_\_\_ without conditions.

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

2. Trusting in \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus suffered, He did not threaten to get even; He left His case in the hands of God, content to let him to set things right. (1 Peter 2:23, LB/Message)

## What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

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### 1. Show kindness instead of following your feelings.

- ✓ Betrayed.
- ✓ Rejected.
- ✓ Ripped off.
- ✓ Abandoned.
- ✓ Humiliated.

### 2. Be open to God's future instead of dwelling on the past.

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