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Part of Grace is Greater

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Do you believe God's grace is enough? You need grace. I need grace. Grace fills a void in your life you just can't fill with anything else. It helps you get past your mistakes, it comforts your hurts, and it is always bigger than any of your circumstances. That's grace! But here's the deal... you can't get grace from Jesus unless you have a close, personal relationship with Him!

Grace is:

- Powerful enough to erase your guilt
- Big enough to cover your shame
- Real enough to heal your relationships
- Strong enough to hold you up when you're weak
- Sweet enough to cure your bitterness
- Satisfying enough to deal with your disappointments
- Beautiful enough to redeem your brokenness

Psalm 38:1-4 (NLT)

1 O LORD, don't rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your rage!

2 Your arrows have struck deep, and your blows are crushing me.

3 Because of your anger, my whole body is sick; my health is broken because of my sins.

4 My guilt overwhelms me— it is a burden too heavy to bear.

Psalm 38:11-12 (NLT)

11 My loved ones and friends stay away, fearing my disease. Even my own family stands at a distance.

12 Meanwhile, my enemies lay traps to kill me. Those who wish me harm make plans to ruin me. All day long they plan their treachery.

Psalm 38:4-10 (NLT)

- 4 My guilt overwhelms me— it is a burden too heavy to bear.
- 5 My wounds fester and stink because of my foolish sins.
- 6 I am bent over and racked with pain. All day long I walk around filled with grief.
- 7 A raging fever burns within me, and my health is broken.
- 8 I am exhausted and completely crushed. My groans come from an anguished heart.
- 9 You know what I long for, Lord; you hear my every sigh.
- 10 My heart beats wildly, my strength fails, and I am going blind.

Barriers:

- Keep things in and keep things out
- Never resolve guilt
- Never make the shame go away
- Keep the guilt and shame held in
- Keep God's grace out

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

Jesus said...

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

1 Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22

Psalms 32:1-11 (NIV)

1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

10 Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

11 Rejoice in the LORD and be glad...

Psalm 68:19 (NIV)

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Psalm 68:19 (NLT)

Praise the Lord; praise God our Savior! For each day He carries us in His arms.

Psalm 68:19 (CEV)

...and You rescue us.