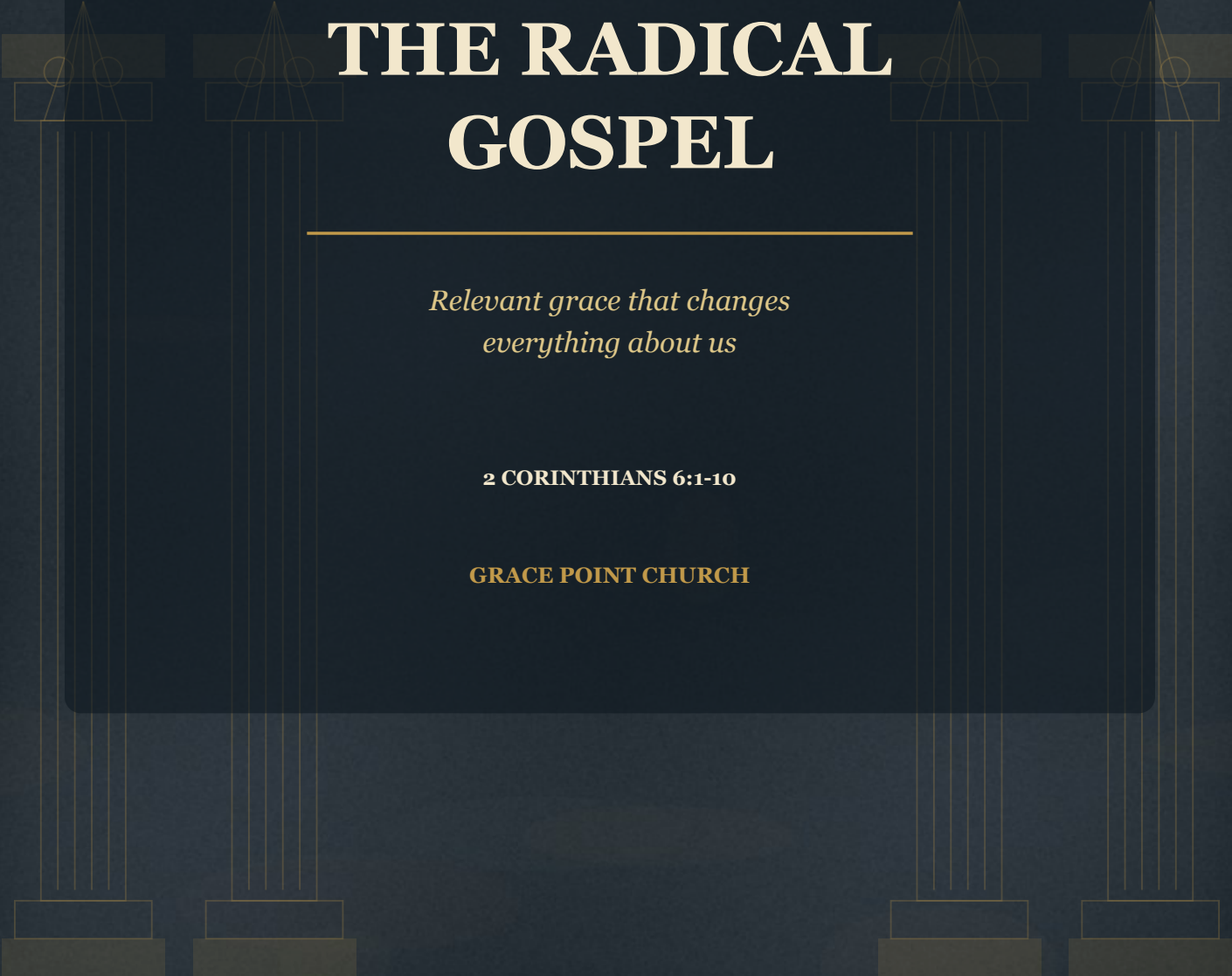




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A COMPANION WORKBOOK FOR 2 CORINTHIANS



THE RADICAL GOSPEL

*Relevant grace that changes
everything about us*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

GRACE POINT CHURCH

THE BIG IDEA

Relevant grace can only come through a radical gospel. Grace that does not change everything about us is not really grace at all.

Paul pleads with the church not to receive God's grace in vain. The gospel is not an accessory to a comfortable life; it is the life-transforming announcement that Jesus reconciles sinners to God and calls us to follow Him, whatever the cost.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1

Where have I treated grace as an addition to my life instead of the power that changes all of it?

REFLECT AND RESPOND

NOW IS THE DAY

For Paul, receiving grace is the same as embracing God's promise of salvation and help right here, right now. Grace is not something to postpone until life becomes convenient. Tomorrow is not promised, and delay reveals that we have not yet grasped the urgency of the gospel.

"Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

GOSPEL URGENCY MEANS

1

RECEIVE

Take hold of God's salvation and help instead of waiting for a better time.

2

REMOVE OBSTACLES

Care more about Jesus' reputation than protecting your own.

3

REMAIN FAITHFUL

Answer to the Lord rather than conforming to the world's approval.

What obedience, repentance, or step of faith have I been postponing?

RESPONDING TO GRACE TODAY

HATED BY THE WORLD

Paul commends his ministry through great endurance in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, and hunger. Following Jesus does not remove suffering; it trains us to endure it with eternal hope.

If we truly want all of Jesus, He promised that the world would hate us. Whatever it costs to get all of Jesus will be worth it.

A FAITH WORTH PERSECUTING

1

ENDURES SUFFERING

It sings in hardship and surrenders to God's purpose in pain.

2

REFUSES CHEAP GRACE

It wants discipleship, the cross, and all of Jesus—not only comfort.

3

VALUES TRUTH

It knows that blessing without truth is a curse cloaked in comfort.

Do I have the kind of faith that is worth persecuting? What does my answer reveal?

COUNTING THE COST

HELPED BY GOD

Those who embrace the radical gospel never face the world's hatred alone. God supplies every tool needed for the work and every weapon needed for the war: purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and His power.

TOOLS FOR THE WORK

- Purity and knowledge
- Patience and kindness
- The Holy Spirit and genuine love

WEAPONS FOR THE WAR

- Truthful speech
- The power of God
- Righteousness for both hands

We do not live expecting defeat. The Holy Spirit works in us, through us, and for us.

Where am I depending on my own strength or compromising what God has already supplied?

DEPENDING ON GOD'S HELP

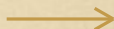
LOOKING MORE LIKE JESUS

As we face the world's hatred and receive the Spirit's help, we grow to look more like Jesus. The world may dishonor, slander, dismiss, or pity us—but the Father's verdict in Christ is deeper and more durable than every outward appearance.

"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:10

TREATED AS IMPOSTORS



YET TRUE

UNKNOWN AND DYING



YET KNOWN AND ALIVE

HAVING NOTHING



YET POSSESSING EVERYTHING

Where have I allowed another person's judgment—or an outward appearance—to define me more than the Father's verdict in Christ?

RESTING IN WHAT IS TRUE

A COMPELLING WITNESS

The gospel becomes visibly relevant as we boldly proclaim Jesus and humbly live His grace in front of others. We do not reshape Christ to fit the world's terms. We love people enough to show them why His grace is their deepest need and only hope.

The radical gospel produces self-denying, community-shaping, purpose-giving, joy-producing, world-rejecting, hope-filled grace.

1

PRE-GOSPEL

Introduce people to the King of Glory rather than waiting to be asked.

2

ANTI-GOSPEL

Live the gospel before them and share the strength and beauty of Jesus.

3

PRO-GOSPEL

Ask hard questions and apply Christ's lordship to every area of life.

Who needs me to proclaim the radical gospel boldly and live its grace humbly?

MY GOSPEL WITNESS

DISCUSSION & PRAYER

- 01 What does it mean to receive God's grace in vain? Where are you most tempted to delay obedience?
- 02 Why is relevant grace only possible through a radical gospel?
- 03 How can concern for your reputation become an obstacle to gospel faithfulness?
- 04 What would a faith worth persecuting look like in your current circumstances?
- 05 Which tool or weapon in verses 6-7 do you most need to receive and practice?
- 06 How does the Father's verdict in Christ reshape the way you handle honor and dishonor?

PRAY: Confess where comfort, approval, or fear has made you resist the radical gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit for endurance, purity, truth, genuine love, and power to make Jesus known.

NOTES AND PRAYER

WALK IN RADICAL GRACE

Has this radical gospel gripped my soul, or have I bought into the lie of relevance on the world's terms?

The powerful, life-transforming grace of God must first become relevant in our own lives before we can proclaim it faithfully to anyone else.

1

HOW AM I AFRAID OF THE RADICAL GOSPEL?

Name the cost, response, surrender, or loss you fear if you follow Jesus without compromise.

2

HOW DOES RELEVANT GRACE SET ME FREE FROM THESE FEARS?

Name the truth about Christ, the Spirit's help, and the Father's verdict that gives you courage.

Now is the favorable time. Now is the day of salvation.

MY NEXT STEP OF RADICAL GRACE