

#### **CATCHING SOME ALTITUDE**

True Identity Pt 3
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A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory <u>to overlook an offense</u>. (Proverbs 19:11)

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (Romans 12:3)

#### **BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S GRACE TO ME:**

#### 1. I WILL GIVE OTHERS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. (Ephesians 4:2)

### 2. I WILL NOT LABEL OTHERS.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:36-37)

## 3. I WILL FORGIVE AS I'VE BEEN FORGIVEN.

Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3:13)

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

- Hurt people hurt people.
- But forgiven people forgive people.

# **TALK IT OVER:**

- What small offenses have affected you in a big way? Why do you think they have affected you in such a big way?
- What does God's grace mean to you and how has it affected you?
- What steps will you take to extend grace to those who have offended you?