

THE GRACE RULE

Part One of Series: "GRACE AND TRUTH"

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"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (NIV)

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

- **The gesture of meeting a need.**

"So [Jesus] replied to the messengers, 'Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.'" Luke 7:22 (NIV)

- **The gesture of affirmation.**

"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give Me a drink?'" John 4:7 (NIV)

"When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, 'Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.' Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' He said. 'Be clean!' Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy." Matthew 8:2-3 (NIV)

- **The gesture of an invitation.**

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?' They came out of the town and made their way toward Him." John 4:28-30 (NIV)

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the women's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.'" John 4:39 (NIV)