

Series

God's Amazing Grace

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Grandfather Mountain's
*Mile High
Swinging Bridge*

Guardrails to Grace's Freedom

December 11, 2022



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Romans 6:17-18

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- 4) Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. **NKJV**

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- ▶ Balanced Freedom
- ▶ Diversified Freedom

The Guardrail of....

1. **Balanced Freedom**

- **Is neither paranoia or License**

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Romans 6:15-16

- 15) What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!
- 16) Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? **NIV**

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Proverbs 5

- 21) For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his paths. NKJV
- 22) 22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast.
- 23) 23 For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly. NIV

1 Cor 11

- 30) For this cause a number of you are feeble and ill, and a number are dead. BBE

The Guardrail of....

2. Diversified Freedom

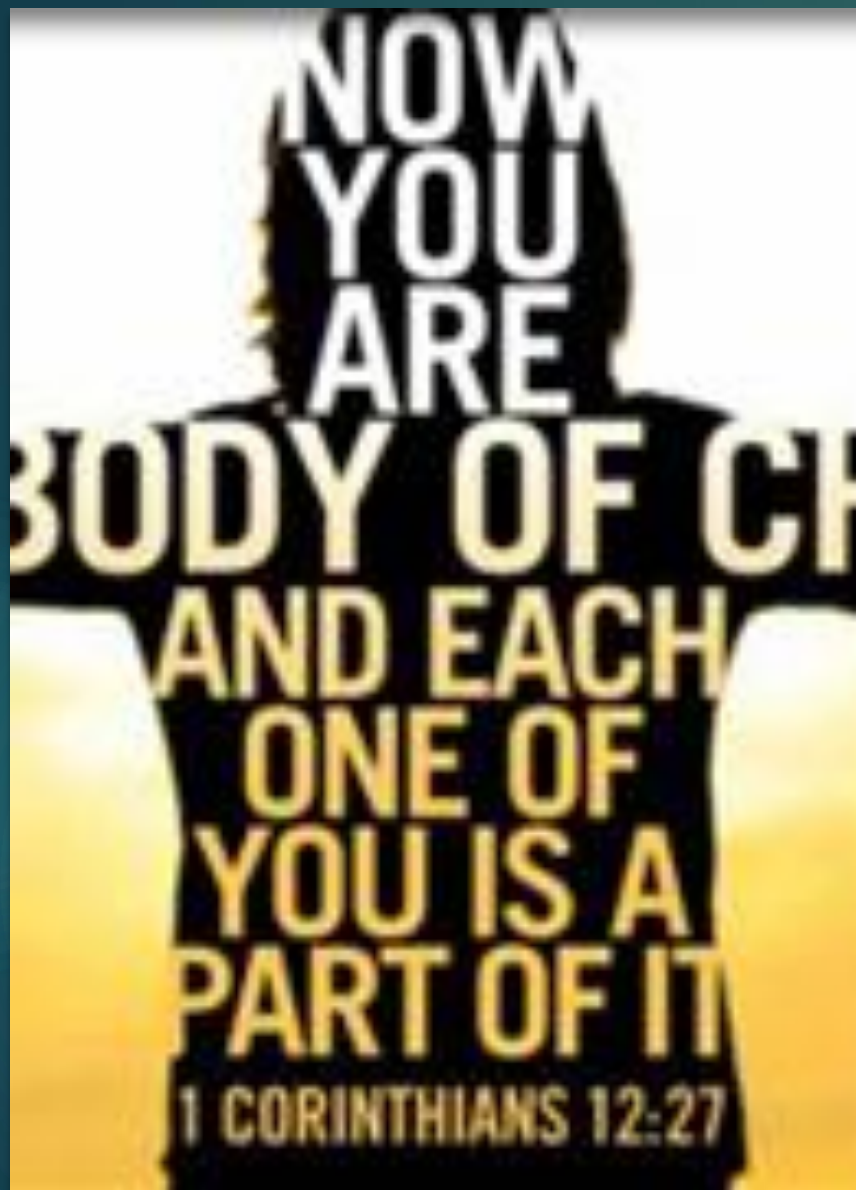
- Accepts others and let them be

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- Allows the Lord to direct others' lives

Romans 14:5-8

- 5) One person judges one day to be more important than another day. Someone else judges every day to be the same. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind.
- 6) Whoever observes the day, observes it for the honor of the Lord. Whoever eats, eats for the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; and whoever does not eat, it is for the Lord that he does not eat it, and he gives thanks to God.
- 7) For none of us lives for himself, and no one dies for himself.
- 8) If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. CSB

The Guardrail of....

2. Diversified Freedom

- Comes when we don't attempt to usurp the position of judge.

Romans 14

- 10) Now then, who are you to judge your brother or sister? Why do you look down on them? We will all stand in God's courtroom to be judged.
- 11) It is written, "You can be sure that I live," says the Lord. "And you can be just as sure that every knee will bow down in front of me. Every tongue will tell the truth to God."
- 12) So we will all have to explain to God the things we have done. NIrV

The Guardrail of....

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- Occurs when we love others by expressing our liberty wisely.

Romans 14

- 13) Let us stop judging one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put anything in your brother's way that would make him trip and fall.
- 14) 14 I am absolutely sure that no food is "unclean" in itself. I say this as one who belongs to the Lord Jesus. But some people may consider a thing to be "unclean." If they do, it is "unclean" for them.
- 15) 15 Your brothers and sisters may be upset by what you eat. If they are, you are no longer acting as though you love them. So don't destroy them by what you eat. Christ died for them.

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Romans 14

- 16) Don't let something you consider good be spoken of as if it were evil.
- 17) God's kingdom has nothing to do with eating or drinking. It is a matter of being right with God. It brings the peace and joy the Holy Spirit gives.
- 18) Those who serve Christ in this way are pleasing to God. They are pleasing to people too.

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- ▶ Let's be "Guardrails" for others to Grace's freedom.
- ▶ Look for such opportunities this week!

