



OVERFLOW—Part 3: The Cause & Effect of Generosity

“You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.” - 2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

- Philippians 2:6-8 NLT

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

- Romans 5:8 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

- Romans 3:23-24 NLT

Generosity is Our Response to God’s Grace!

and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. - Acts 7:58 NLT

“Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. 3 But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.”

- Acts 8:1,3 NLT

“Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. 2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.” - Acts 9:1-2 NLT

As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” 5 “Who are you, lord?” Saul asked. And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! 6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” - Acts 9:3-5 NLT

And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is indeed the Son of God!”

- Acts 9:20 NLT

“Saul’s preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn’t refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.” - Acts 9:22 NLT

Generosity Makes a Way for Grace!

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. 28 So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. - Acts 9:26-28 NLT

“For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. 37 He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.” - Acts 4:36-37 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. When have you experienced God’s grace in your weaknesses?
- Share about a time when someone encouraged you. How did that encouragement grow your faith?
- How could you use generosity and encouragement to make a way for grace in the lives of the people around you?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Being Generous: With and Without Money](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Visit newlife-saugerties.org for our location and livestream link. Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone is available for ages 5-11 each week. Find sermon notes, suggested Bible reading plan, prayer request form, and connection card under “Events” on the [YouVersion Bible App](#).
- **Finish Line Youth** Fridays from 7 to 8:30 PM! See Pastor James for more info.
- **Pizza With The Pastor** 10/23, 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13 following the service. If you’re new at New Life or interested in exploring membership, join us for this four-week course to meet and eat with the pastor and learn about New Life’s “DNA.” Please register [HERE](#) so we know how much pizza we need!
- **Harvest Party** October 28 @ 7PM. Join us for a time of fellowship, fun and food!
- **Candypalooza** in KidZone October 30!!! Come in costume! Goodies and fun activities! Invite a friend! See Sharee Haromontelongo for more info.
- **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox packing and collection is November 13. See Melissa Lasher for more info!