

GRACE FROM

the Beginning

EXAMPLES OF GRACE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Samuel

1 Samuel 2:26

INTRODUCTION

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OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.

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2023 - OUR YEAR OF GREAT GRACE

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1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV)

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PRAY TO THE LORD

AND HE WILL ANSWER YOU

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1 Samuel 1:27 (NIV)

27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

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FULFILL

YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD

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1 Samuel 1:28 (NIV)

28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.

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WORSHIP THE LORD

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SERVE THE LORD

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1 Samuel 2:18 (NIV)

18 But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod.

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GROW IN FAVOUR

WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

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LEARN

TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

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1 Samuel 3:4–10 (NIV)

4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.” 5 And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down. 6 Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

1 Samuel 3:4–10 (NIV)

8 A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

John 10:27 (ESV)

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

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Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

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UNDERSTAND

THAT GOD IS WITH YOU

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1 Samuel 3:19a (NIV)

19 The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, ...

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Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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UNDERSTAND

THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES

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1 Samuel 3:19b (NIV)

19 ..., and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

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2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)

20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

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2 Peter 1:2–4 (NIV)

2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

UNDERSTAND

THAT GOD IS ABLE TO LIFT YOU UP

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1 Samuel 3:20 (NIV)

20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

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James 4:10 (NIV)

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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PRAY

FOR OTHERS AND FOR YOUR NATION

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1 Samuel 7:5 (NIV)

5 Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the Lord for you.”

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1 Timothy 2:1–4 (NIV)

1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

CONCLUSION

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Luke 2:52 (NIV)

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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