

FORWARD THINKING

Admit Your Need
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¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.
2 Timothy 2:1-2

Grace: God's Free Gift of Love and Acceptance In Christ Jesus

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:4-10

To Be Strong in Grace: Experience and Express

1. Grace As Forgiveness
2. Grace As Fuel
3. Grace As Focus

Home / Group Study

- *In receiving a free gift, having an open hand is the only requirement.* Philip Yancey
- *We must lay before God what is in us, not what ought to be in us.* CS Lewis
- *Do we allow our day to be shaped by God's desire to relate to us graciously?*

1. How would you define God's grace to someone who has never experienced it?
2. What does it mean to experience and express grace on a daily basis?
3. What practices and relationships help you be strong in grace? What environments, behaviors and relationships hinder your ability to be strong in grace?
4. Of the three ways of experiencing God's grace for yourself talked about in the message, which comes the most naturally to you? Least naturally?
5. Of the three ways of expressing God's grace to others, which comes the most naturally to you? Least naturally?