



GRACE

GIVING

*Philemon, part 1*

**1. Giving**

**2. Saving**

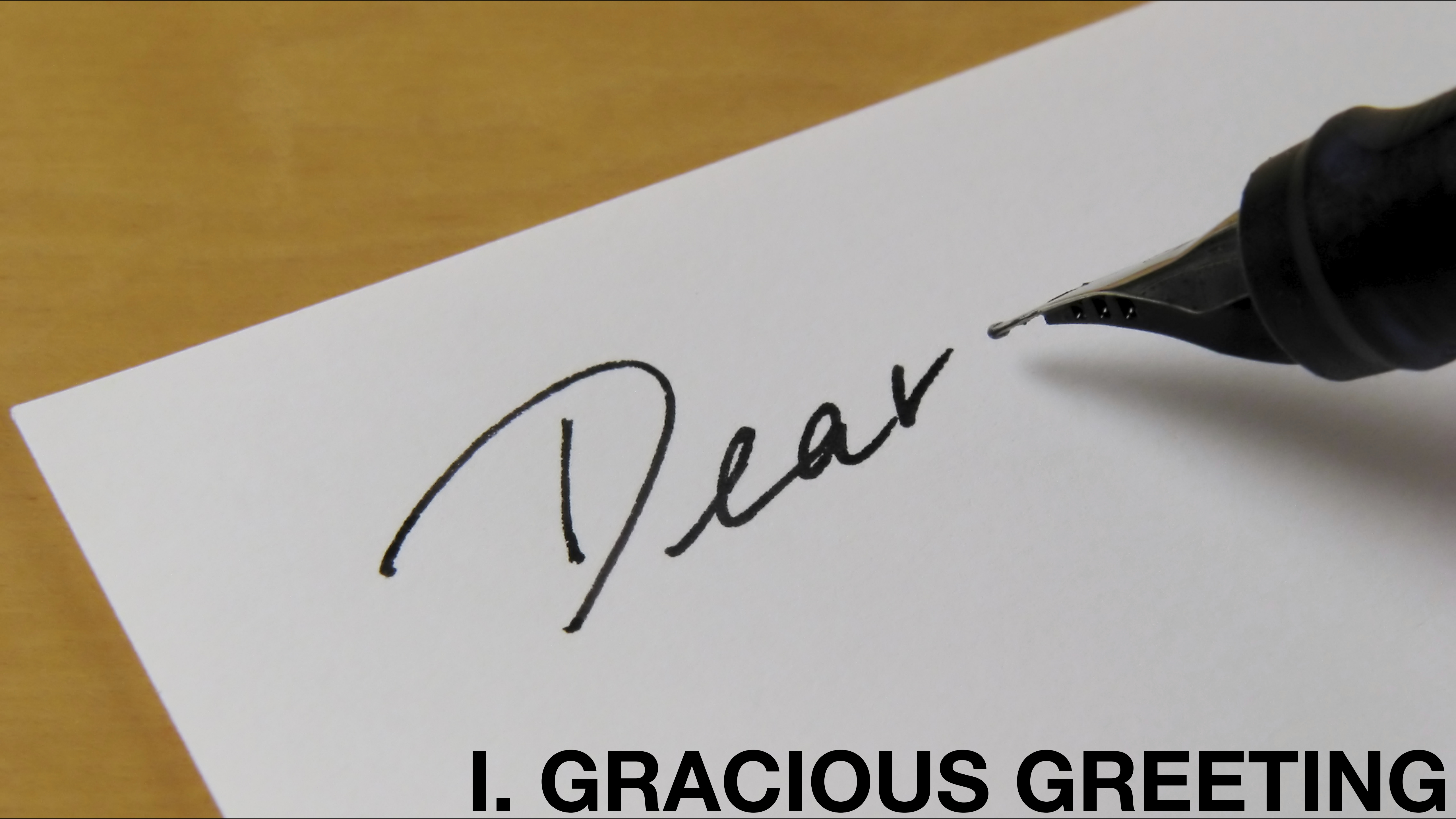
**3. Living**

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**Philemon 1:1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen nib resting on a white card. The word "Dear" is written in a cursive script on the card. The pen is black and the nib is silver. The background is a solid brown color.

Dear

**I. GRACIOUS GREETING**

**Philemon 1:4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.a 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.**

## **II. GRACIOUS MEMORY**

**A. Philemon had opened his heart by faith and Paul did not forget.**



James 2:14 My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show you really do have faith? Can this kind of faith save you? 15 If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, 16 you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? 17 Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead! (CEV)

James 2:18 Suppose someone disagrees and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds." I would answer, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them." 19 You surely believe there is only one God. That's fine. Even demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear. (CEV)



James 2:20 Does some stupid person want proof that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Well, our ancestor Abraham pleased God by putting his son Isaac on the altar to sacrifice him. 22 Now you see how Abraham's faith and deeds worked together. He proved his faith was real by what he did. 23 This is what the Scriptures mean by saying, "Abraham had faith in God, and God accepted him." That's how Abraham became God's friend. (CEV)

James 2:24 You can now see that we please God by what we do and not only by what we believe. 25 For example, Rahab had been a prostitute. But she pleased God when she welcomed the spies and sent them home by another way. 26 Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead! (CEV)

## **II. GRACIOUS MEMORY**

**B. Philemon had  
opened his home  
to the faithful and  
Paul did not forget.**



Deuteronomy 8:10 After you eat and are full, give praise to the LORD your God for the good land he gave you. 11 Make sure that you never forget the LORD or disobey his laws and teachings that I am giving you today. If you always obey them, 12 you will have plenty to eat, and you will build good houses to live in. 13 You will get more and more cattle, sheep, silver, gold, and other possessions. (CEV)

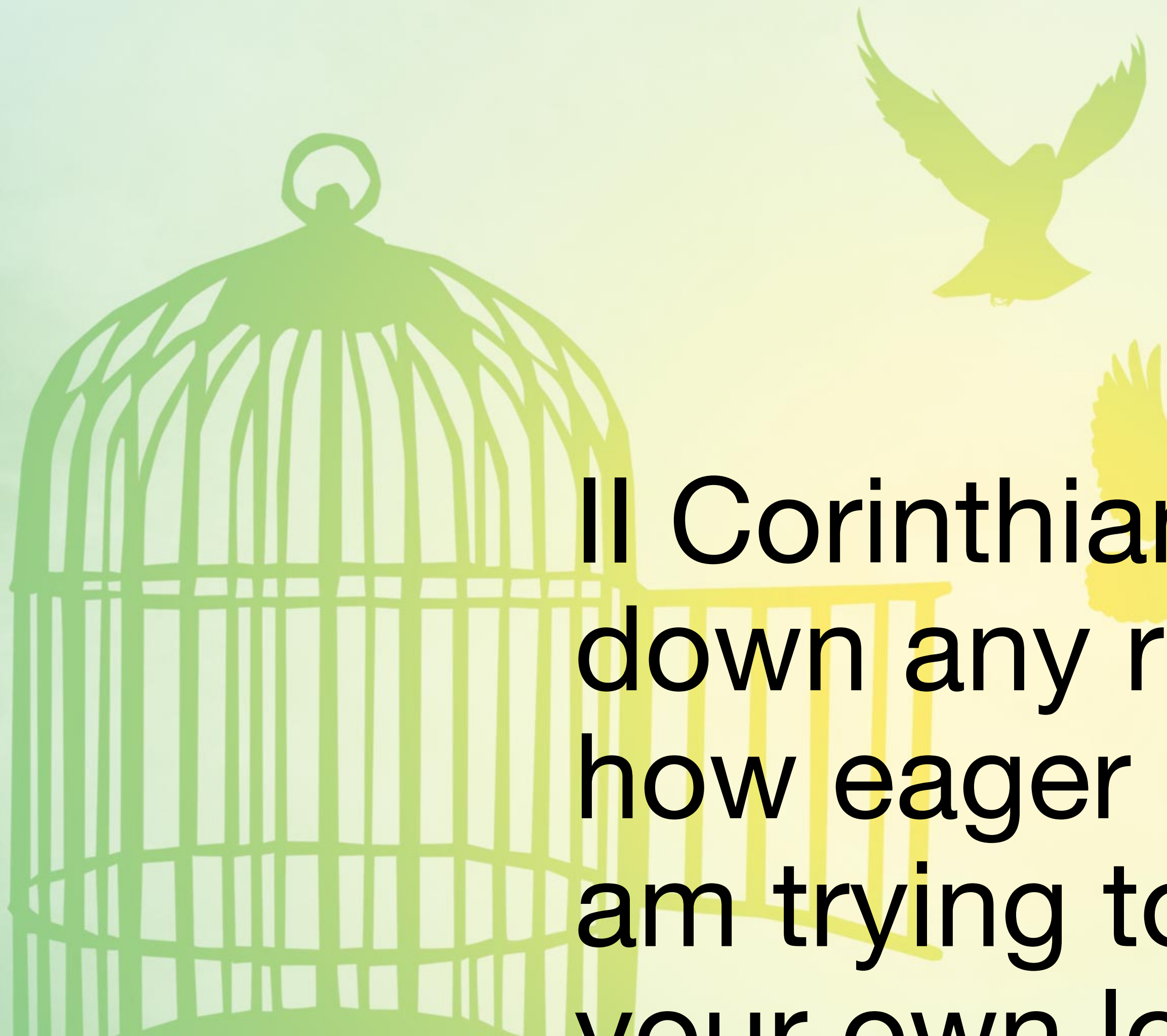
Deuteronomy 8:14 But when all this happens, don't be proud! Don't forget that you were once slaves in Egypt and that it was the LORD who set you free. 15 Remember how he led you in that huge and frightening desert where poisonous snakes and scorpions live. There was no water, but the LORD split open a rock, and water poured out so you could drink. (CEV)

Deuteronomy 8:16 He also gave you manna, a kind of food your ancestors had never even heard about. The LORD was testing you to make you trust him, so that later on he could be good to you.

17 When you become successful, don't say, "I'm rich, and I've earned it all myself." 18 Instead, remember that the LORD your God gives you the strength to make a living. That's how he keeps the promise he made to your ancestors.  
(CEV)

**Philemon 1:21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.**

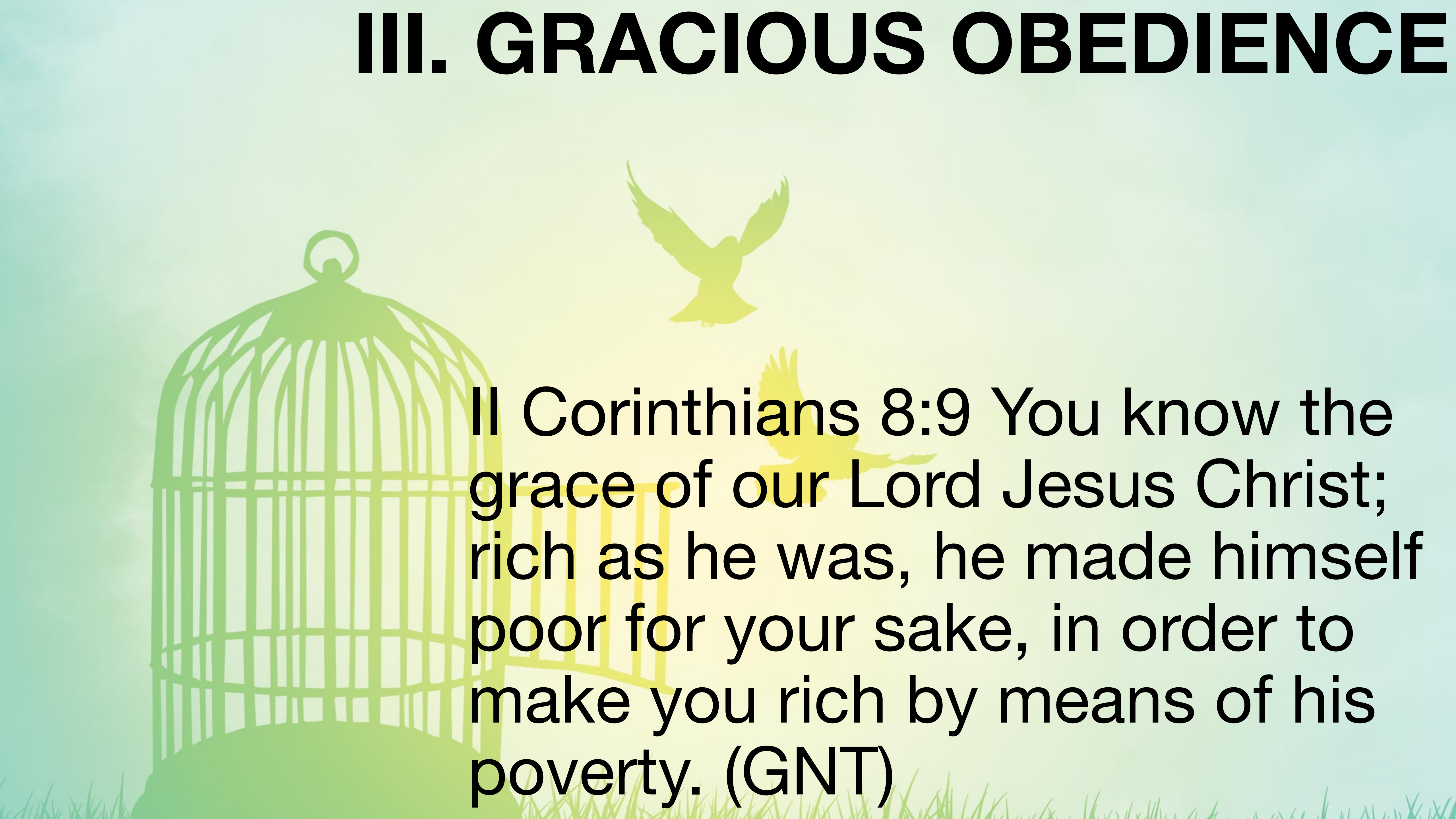
# III. GRACIOUS OBEDIENCE



II Corinthians 8:8 I am not laying down any rules. But by showing how eager others are to help, I am trying to find out how real your own love is. (GNT)



# III. GRACIOUS OBEDIENCE



II Corinthians 8:9 You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; rich as he was, he made himself poor for your sake, in order to make you rich by means of his poverty. (GNT)