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Over the last two decades of unveiling the beautiful person of our Lord Jesus Christ and the perfection of His finished work through the preaching of the gospel, one thing has been constant. As the name of Jesus is lifted up and proclaimed, testimony after testimony of changed lives has come in from people of all walks of life, all over the world. As these precious folks simply sat under preaching about the Lord’s grace and what He has done for them, as they simply received this word and believed in their hearts that God loves them, their lives—many marred with brokenness—were gloriously transformed.

Day after day, my ministry continues to receive amazing stories of real-life people who have been set free to enjoy a loving relationship with their heavenly Father, one without fear, shame, guilt, or condemnation. Stories of addictions and bondages broken supernaturally without self-effort. Testimonies of marriages restored, bodies healed, and needs more than met. Praise reports of joy and peace replacing fear, anxiety, and depression that have gripped some for decades. And I count it an incomparable privilege and joy to be able to rejoice with them as they live the freedom, wholeness, and victory a
revelation of the gospel has brought them.

In *Reign in Life*, I share these inspiring stories of transformed lives that are testimonies to the truth of Romans 5:17:

For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ (emphasis mine).

As you read the many heartfelt stories dealing with everyday struggles and even “impossible” challenges, I pray you will find the Lord lifting your heart with hope and encouraging you to believe that your breakthrough is at hand. I pray you will find strength and see with renewed faith a loving Father and powerful Savior who is waiting to do for you what He has so graciously done for these people.

I believe that as you discover and meditate on God’s amazing grace over the next 90 days, you will begin to reign supernaturally over everything that has held you back from living a life of victory. Whether it’s depression, a physical condition, eating disorders, addictions, fears, or overwhelming guilt and condemnation, simply take time to anchor your heart and mind on God’s grace toward you. And I am confident you will start to triumph over every one of these symptoms of oppression and bondage. You will see your life gloriously transformed and experience what it means to be blessed to be a blessing!
God wants us to live victoriously in all areas through an unshakable confidence in Jesus’ finished work on the cross. However, many believers today don’t even dare to call upon their Savior for help because they believe the lie that they have no right to do so. They think that their mistakes have disqualified them. In this book, I expose the lies of the enemy that have trapped believers in a vicious cycle of wrong believing, condemnation, and defeat by showing you what God actually says in His Word.

You will see from God’s own Word how freedom, victory, and power over sin are released when you receive His love, complete forgiveness, and marvelous gifts of righteousness and no condemnation. You will discover through the testimonies shared how the knowledge of Jesus’ grace and finished work can turn any hopeless situation around and bring extraordinary breakthroughs—miracles beyond your wildest imagination!

So I invite you to set aside fifteen minutes a day to discover what is really on God’s heart for you and what Christ has accomplished for you through His sacrifice on the cross. The more you see the beauty of Christ and His perfect work in making you forever a beloved, righteous child of God, the more your life will never be the same! As you start your day expecting the Lord to speak to you in the pages of this book, His words of grace will refresh and reshape your thinking and speaking and put unwavering hope in your heart. And as your heart is enraptured by God’s pure grace, you will step out of a life of defeat and into a life of complete wholeness and good success!
To help you get started, I have put together ninety daily inspirational readings that crystallize in bite-sized form the core truths of the gospel of grace. Each faith-building reading includes:

• **Today’s Scripture**—You will find powerful, faith-building Scriptures that relate to the inspirational reading, giving it a biblical foundation and anchoring your heart on the grace and finished work of Christ. I encourage you to meditate on the Scriptures you find in each reading daily. You will be surprised how much the Holy Spirit will open up God’s Word to you and refresh and strengthen your heart!

• **Today’s Inspirational Excerpt**—An inspiring new covenant truth that ministers God’s grace, renews your mind, and releases you to experience victory, wholeness, and success. These truths cover what it means to believe in the gospel of grace and receive His complete forgiveness and wonderful gift of no condemnation. You will also see how the application of these truths have led believers to experience their amazing breakthroughs in many practical areas of life.

• **Today’s Thought**—The mind is where the real battle usually takes place. So start your day with an uplifting, liberating, grace-filled thought. The best way to guard your mind and be established in peace and joy is to fortify it with God’s precious
thoughts toward you!

- **Today’s Prayer**—These faith-filled prayers are meant to help you express your heart to your heavenly Father. Feel free to adapt them to your own situation. Just speak from your heart. Remember, the effective, fervent prayer of a child of God avails much (James 5:16)!

No matter where you are at or what challenges you face, the transformation and breakthroughs you want to see begin to happen when you *know* and *believe* in the person of Jesus and the perfection of His finished work. When your heart and mind are anchored on His grace toward you and the power of His finished work in your life, He will transform you from the inside out. When you personally encounter Him and allow your mind to be renewed with right beliefs about your true identity in Him, like the people who share their amazing stories in this book, you will walk in freedom and live life to the fullest!

Are you ready to be tremendously blessed and transformed by the Lord’s grace, and to experience extraordinary breakthroughs, success, wholeness, and a victorious life? I have no doubt that once you begin to take this journey of discovering His radical grace, you *will* begin to reign in life!
DAY 1

Reigning Is God’s Will for You

Today’s Scripture

For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:17

You are destined to reign in life! You are called by the Lord to be a success, to enjoy provision, to enjoy health, and to enjoy a life of victory. I want you to know that it is not the Lord’s desire that you live a life of defeat, poverty, and failure. He has called you to be the head and not the tail.

What this means is that if you are a businessman, God wants you to have a thriving business. If you are a homemaker, you are anointed to bring up wonderful children in the Lord. If you are a student, God wants you
to excel in your studies and examinations. And if you are trusting the Lord for a new career, He doesn’t just want you to have a job, He wants you to have a position of influence, so you can be a blessing and an asset to your organization!

My friend, when you reign in life, you reign over sin, you reign over the powers of darkness, and you reign over depression, over perpetual lack, over every curse, and over every sickness and disease. You reign over the devil and all his devices!

So how do we reign in life? The power to reign does not depend on your family background, your educational qualifications, how you look, or how much savings you have in your bank account. Look at today’s Scripture again. The power to reign is based entirely on Jesus and on Him alone: “…much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

My friend, if you are living a life of defeat—if you are defeated by sin, by constant guilt and condemnation, by sicknesses, by anxiety attacks, by financial lack, and by broken relationships—you are not living the life that God intended for you. Based on the authority of God’s Word, you are destined to reign in life, to have dominion over all your challenges and circumstances! You are called to be above them all and not be trampled by them.

The time has come for you to lay hold of your right to reign over every area of defeat in your life. And through Christ Jesus, through the abundance of His grace and the
gift of righteousness, you can. Believe today that God is for you and wants you to experience breakthroughs and divine success. Your days of defeat are coming to an end. Days of joy, peace, and victory are headed your way!

Today’s Thought

*I am called by the Lord to be a success, to enjoy provision, to enjoy health, and to enjoy a life of victory.*

Today’s Prayer

*Father, thank You for showing me that You have called me to be a success, to enjoy provision, health, and a life of victory. Thank You for showing me that the answer to reigning in life is found in Jesus, His grace, and His gift of righteousness for me. Because You are for me and have given me heaven’s best, Jesus, good days are coming my way! Amen!*

*...as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**ROMANS 5:21**

“...I have come that they may have life, and that they
may have it more abundantly.”

JOHN 10:10

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NLT
Beloved, you reign in life through Jesus Christ just by receiving two things from Him: the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness (Rom. 5:17). God’s way is not about achieving, but about receiving. But many Christians continue to live based on the world’s system of achievement.

The world’s system of success is built on the twin pillars of self-effort and diligence. The world tells you that the more you do, the harder you work, and the more hours you put in, the more success you will achieve. The world’s way is to nag you to work harder, to forget about attending
church on Sundays, to spend less time with your family, and to spend more time in the office working through the nights, weekends, and holidays. I’m sure you’ve heard that you need to “pay the price,” after all, “no pain, no gain,” right?

Yet, God’s way is not for us to be blessed by our own efforts. You cannot earn God’s blessings by your performance. God’s blessings are based entirely on His grace. His blessings over your life are undeserved, unearned, and unmerited. In other words, there is nothing you can do to deserve His blessings, for they are based entirely on receiving Jesus, and through His finished work, the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness.

God wants us to stop trying to achieve and to begin receiving the favor, blessings, and healing that Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. When He hung on the cross some two thousand years ago, He cried out with a loud voice, “It is finished!” Everything you and I require to reign in life was accomplished at Calvary on our behalf. That’s why we call what Jesus did on the cross His “finished work.” He finished it. He completed it. It is done!

My friend, the only thing that works is the finished work. So stop trying to do what’s already done. Stop doing and start receiving what Jesus has done. Cease all striving and painful laboring to achieve your goals in your own strength and wisdom. Choose instead to see that Jesus has already finished the work. All you need in this life He has already provided for you through the cross. Rest in His unmerited favor and love for you.
Today’s Thought
Success does not come by my striving to achieve God’s blessings, but by my receiving His favor, healing, protection, and provision through Jesus’ finished work.

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You for Your finished work on the cross. I thank You that all I need in this life, You have already provided for me and my family through Your sacrifice. I cease striving for the blessings I need and I rest in all that You have done for me. Thank You for Your abundant love and unmerited favor toward me and my family. Amen.

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”
MATTHEW 6:31–32

“I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.”
JOSHUA 24:13
Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

PSALM 127:1
Today’s Scripture

*But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God…For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

Hebrews 10:12, 14

As a believer, have you ever been plagued by thoughts of how you haven’t been good enough or haven’t done enough to deserve God’s blessings? That your imperfection disqualifies you from receiving anything good from God?

If you’ve been struggling with these thoughts, I want you to read and reread today’s Scripture, and let it saturate your heart, mind, and conscience. Let the
knowledge of how you are completely forgiven and *forever perfected* by Jesus’ finished work at the cross sink in. You are not going to be forgiven and perfected one day through all your hard work. No, my friend, the good news is, you *already are* forgiven and perfected—once and for all time—through Jesus’ sacrifice.

And how long is forever? I checked the original Greek word for *forever* in the verse and guess what? “Forever” means *forever!* You have been totally forgiven and perfected *forever* by Jesus’ cleansing blood, not by the blood of animal sacrifices that can never take away sins.

*Pastor Prince, how can I be fully assured that all my sins have already been forgiven?*

Good question! Notice that after Jesus offered His life as a sacrifice and payment for all our sins, He “sat down” at the Father’s right hand. Jesus sat down to demonstrate to us that the work is indeed finished!

Under the old covenant, the priest who served in the tabernacle of Moses never sat down, but “stands ministering daily” because his work could never be finished. The blood of bulls and goats could “never take away sins” (Heb. 10:11). Interestingly, in the holy place of the tabernacle of Moses, there was not a single piece of furniture prepared for the priest to sit on. You would not find a single chair in the holy place. You would find the altar of incense, the menorah, and even a table of showbread, but not chairs. This was because the work of the priest was *never finished*. Only Jesus’ work is a finished work.
My friend, you can rest easy in your heart and mind today. You can relax because Jesus has finished the work. In God’s eyes, you are forever perfect, spotless, and washed whiter than snow by the precious, eternal blood of His Son. And it’s permanent! Your part is simply to believe and receive all that Jesus has done for you. That’s how you reign in life over sin, addictions, and whatever the enemy throws at you. That’s how you come up tops in all of life’s challenges!

**Today’s Thought**

*I have been totally forgiven and perfected forever by Jesus’ cleansing blood!*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that because of Jesus’ cleansing blood in my life, You see me as forever spotless, perfect, and righteous in Christ. Help me to always see myself the way You see me so that I can come to You boldly and rest easy in Your presence. As I receive Your Word and rest in Your Son’s finished work, I believe that I will walk worthy of my high calling and reign in life over every temptation and challenge. Amen.*

*He is so rich in kindness and grace that he*
purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

EPHESIANS 1:7 NLT

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

HEBREWS 10:10
Not Your Performance but His

Today’s Scripture
For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

ROMANS 5:19

Do you often feel as though God is displeased with you because you can’t seem to break out of a bad habit? Are you facing a situation that just seems impossible to overcome? Let me share Colton’s testimony with you to show you how believing in Jesus’ finished work and receiving His grace are key to receiving your breakthrough.

Since Colton was a little boy, he tried to please God by his performance and obedience. Whenever he sinned by doing or not doing something, he would feel totally condemned and depressed. He found that the more he tried to get rid of certain bad habits by self-discipline, the
more he continued in them.

Right after graduation from high school, this young man from Texas received one of my books. Through reading the book, he understood that God is fully pleased with him—not based on his works, but on the *perfect, finished work* of Jesus at the cross.

Colton began confessing that he was still righteous in Christ through His perfect sacrifice whenever he missed the mark. The result? Listen to what he says: “I was finally able to overcome many wrong habits and attitudes. I also went from a 1.76 grade point average (GPA) in high school to a 4.00 GPA in my first semester in college. As I began to be more conscious of Jesus and not my performance, faith was just there and things that held me back fell away.”

When Colton decided to pursue further education in the field of medicine, it appeared to be an impossible situation as the tuition fee was simply unaffordable for his family. But as this brother continued to believe God and *receive His grace* through Christ Jesus, he began to see “obstacle after obstacle removed.” He shared happily with me, “Today, half of my tuition fee has been paid off, and Jesus is already working on clearing the rest for me!”

Beloved, God still sees you righteous *even when you fail*, because you are forever perfect and accepted in Christ. God judges you not based on your imperfect performance, but on the perfect performance and sacrifice of Christ. The more you believe and receive this truth, the more you will, like Colton, overcome every bad habit and
receive your breakthroughs.

Today's Thought
The more I am conscious of Jesus' performance and not my own performance, the more I will reign in life.

Today's Prayer
Father, thank You that even when I miss the mark, You still see me righteous in Christ. I am still loved and accepted by You, because all my sins have already been punished in the body of my substitute, Jesus, two thousand years ago. Because I stand totally forgiven and forever righteous in Christ, I can receive from You all I need to overcome every bad habit and temptation and reign in life for Your glory!
Amen.

Blessed is the man to whom the L ORD does not impute iniquity...

PSALM 32:2

The name of the L ORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
PROVERBS 18:10
...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

JAMES 5:16
DAY 5

Take Your Seat and Begin to Reign

Today’s Scripture

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4–6

There are many believers, like Colton whom we read about yesterday, who are defeated because they are struggling to qualify for God’s blessings through their own works. What you need to understand is that self-effort will rob you of reigning in life by God’s grace. You cannot earn your salvation, healing, or financial breakthrough by your own efforts. If the greatest miracle—being saved and made alive with Jesus—comes by grace through faith, and not
by your works, how much more the lesser miracles, such as healing, provision, and restored marriages?

It is not about your work or performance, but Jesus’ work and performance. Only His work is a finished work. And not only did He sit down at the Father’s right hand, but today’s Scripture states that He also made us sit with Jesus! What does this mean? Well, my friend, “sitting down” in the Bible is a picture of the believer resting in the perfect and finished work of Jesus. Christ has finished all the work on the cross on your behalf and is now seated at the right hand of God. As it has all been accomplished on your behalf, this means that you can stop depending on your self-efforts to earn and qualify for God’s blessings in your life. You can sit down with Jesus at the Father’s right hand!

Now, listen carefully to what I am saying. I am not advocating a life of passiveness and laziness regarding the study of God’s Word, prayer, or worship. When it comes to success in your job, I’m also certainly not saying that you shouldn’t be diligent or seeking to develop your abilities. God’s grace does not make you lazy and unproductive. On the contrary, it makes you labor more abundantly for His glory. The apostle Paul, a preacher of God’s grace and the finished work of Jesus, said that he “labored more abundantly than they all” (1 Cor. 15:10). What you need to realize is, in the new covenant, God’s way is to bless you first, and the knowledge of His blessing then empowers you to labor more abundantly. In other words, we do not labor to be blessed, but rather we
have the power to labor because we are already blessed. Can you see the different premise for laboring in the new covenant?

My friend, Jesus has accomplished everything for us on the cross. Our part is to trust in His perfect work. Receive with open arms His abundance of grace and His gift of righteousness, and sit down and begin to reign in life through Him. Today, let it be your prayer that you will stop trying to earn God’s grace and righteousness. Let the Holy Spirit teach you to start depending on Jesus’ finished work and to start receiving by His grace. This is God’s way to success, wholeness, and victorious living!

**Today’s Thought**

*I can rest today, fully trusting in Jesus’ finished and complete work on the cross, and reign in life through Him.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for the great love with which You have loved me and made me alive together with Jesus, and even to sit with Him at Your right hand. I choose to cease from trying to earn Your grace and righteousness, and to enter into the rest found only in the finished work of Your Son. I gladly receive the abundance of Your grace and Your gift of righteousness to reign in life through Jesus. I believe*
that Your way to success, wholeness, and victory in life is not by my self-efforts, but by Christ’s finished work! Amen.

...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5–6

“He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous; but they are on the throne with kings, for He has seated them forever, and they are exalted.”

Job 36:7
DAY 6

Grace Is a Person, Not a Doctrine

Today’s Scripture

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:17

Do you know what makes Christianity unique and gives it the power to free people from all fears, condemning thoughts, and addictions? Many of the world’s belief systems are governed by moral codes, rules, and laws. But Christianity is unique in that it is not about an impersonal list of dos and don’ts. It is about having a relationship with Almighty God. And it is God working in us and for us through this relationship that brings transformation in our lives.

Beloved, God is all about having a relationship with you today. The apostle John tells us that “the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ” (John 1:17). Notice also that the law was given. This implies a sense of distance. In contrast, grace came! Grace is personal and came as a person—the person of Jesus Christ. The law is hard, cold, and impersonal. You cannot have a relationship with two tablets of stone. But grace is gentle and warm. Grace is not a teaching or doctrine. Grace is a person, and you can have a relationship with a person. God is not interested in mere obedience and submission. He is a God of love and He longs to have an intimate relationship with you.

Jesus came and died a cruel death on the cross, paying the full debt of sin with His own life so that you and I can reign in life today. His sacrifice fulfilled every requirement of the law perfectly on our behalf (Matt. 5:17 NIV). All that we were unable to do, He did on our behalf. When you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are made holy and righteous by His blood once and for all. You can enter into a relationship with Almighty God and come boldly into His presence without any guilt, condemnation, or expectation of punishment.

You see, when you have fulfilled your debt to the lender for the mortgage on your house, you stop sending in your monthly payments because the debt has already been fulfilled. If the lender sends you a letter demanding additional payment, all you have to do is produce the title deed to your home. In the same sense, the debt that you and I owed to the law has already been fulfilled by our Savior, Jesus Christ! Hallelujah!

When the devil comes to accuse you with the law and
shows you how you have fallen short and failed, turn your eyes away from yourself and point to the payment that Jesus made on the cross. Christ is your title deed, which is why you are called a “Christian” today. You are not your own. You have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. His blood, shed for you, is what makes your relationship with God secure. It is what gives you the basis to reach out and receive your freedom from your loving Savior today!

**Today’s Thought**

Grace is a person—Jesus Himself. He paid the full debt for my sins with His own life so that I can reign in life today.

**Today’s Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You that You fulfilled every requirement of the law perfectly on my behalf. Thank You for making me holy and righteous by Your blood once and for all. I’ve been purchased with Your precious blood and I belong to You. Because of Your perfect sacrifice, I can enter boldly into God’s presence without fear, guilt, condemnation, or expectation of punishment. Keep me growing in the revelation of Your finished work. Let me receive more and more of Your love, grace, and goodness so that I may truly walk in Your liberty in all areas of life.
Amen.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
MATTHEW 11:28

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
JOHN 14:6

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him…He who has seen Me has seen the Father…”
JOHN 14:7, 9
DAY 7

Are You Trying to Fix Yourself?

Today’s Scripture

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

MATTHEW 5:17 NIV

 Allow me to emphasize what I said in the previous reading: Christianity is about having a relationship with a loving God. My friend, it is when you get a revelation of God’s desire to have a personal, loving relationship with you and how Jesus has forever made secure this relationship that real transformation from the inside out begins to happen to you.

Listen to how this revelation led fifty-year-old Jarvis, whose personal life was a daily struggle, to his breakthrough:
I have gone to church for as long as I can remember. I have run the sound at church for nine years, painted, cleaned, donated time, and done everything I was able to. I gave my 10 percent and more. I also sang praises, read books, and spoke in tongues. I did all this and yet was miserable. I lived in lack, had no confidence, and had no relationship with Jesus. I always wondered what was wrong with me.

My friends in church were like me too and we all acted as if life was wonderful when, in fact, it was the complete opposite. In the end, I was mentally and physically drained with all things concerning God. I read numerous books on how to fix ME. I prayed and had people pray for me but nothing changed! I thought that I had a problem and even wondered if I had a mental issue. I felt like the worst husband and father even though I love my wife and have the two greatest kids in the world.

One day, just before going to bed, I discovered your television program. I saw only three minutes of preaching before your broadcast ended, but I heard enough to want to know more. I picked up my Kindle Fire and typed in “Joseph Prince.” I downloaded a free preview of one of your books, read one chapter, and bought the book.

I read three chapters that night and was SET FREE before I went to bed. I have never experienced anything like this in my entire life. “The law has been fulfilled by Christ…” Oh man, GLORY TO GOD! What a blessing this book has been. My life is forever changed. I am back to reading the Word, worshiping with CDs, and praying in the
Spirit. I’m in love with Jesus, I am on FIRE, and I am not a fake trying to impress others. I have an intimate relationship with Jesus that I didn’t know was possible and that has been the greatest blessing of all. I know my life will never be the same!

I pray you will discover, as Jarvis did, that the answer to your struggles does not lie in you trying to fix yourself. If you go down this route, you will never see an end in sight. The truth is, because of Jesus’ perfect sacrifice, nothing you have or have not done can hijack or derail the loving relationship God wants you to have with Him. Let this truth sink into your heart and begin to enjoy a relationship with your heavenly Father where you can freely receive His love and grace for you. All your fears, confusion, and struggles to receive from Him will come to an end. You won’t be struggling to love Him. Instead, your heart will be fired up with love for Him, and like Jarvis, you will know and see how your life will never be the same!

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus paid the full price for me to have a real, personal, and intimate relationship with Him where I can freely receive His love and grace.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for fulfilling the law and paying*
the full penalty for my sins at the cross. Thank You for doing everything that was needed for me to always have a real and loving relationship with You that is based purely on Your unmerited favor. I believe that nothing I have or have not done can ever forfeit this relationship You want me to have with You. Thank You, Jesus, for Your amazing sacrifice and love for me. I ask that You make Your grace so real to me that my life will never be the same. Amen.

“...by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

ACTS 13:39

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives His beloved sleep.

PSALM 127:2
The Great Disarmament

Today’s Scripture

...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

COLOSSIANS 2:14–15

For all the talk of “nuclear disarmament,” are you aware that there is someone more sinister who has already been disarmed of his power over your life? The Bible says that God has “disarmed principalities and powers,” referring to Satan and his cohorts (Eph. 6:12). So the devil has already been disarmed. But do you know what weapon he was wielding before his forced disarmament? Today’s Scripture gives us the answer clearly: the devil was armed with the “handwriting of requirements that was
against us.” On Mount Sinai, God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tablets of stone. The “handwriting of requirements” was thus a reference to the law that was written by the finger of God. Let me stress that the law is holy, just, and good. It was designed by God to expose man’s weaknesses, sins, and inability to be holy, just, and good so that man would see his need for a Savior. You need to understand that no amount of keeping the law can make you holy. Only the blood of Jesus can do that.

The devil then armed himself with the law to accuse and condemn man. Now, listen carefully to this: God didn’t give the law to arm the devil, but the devil, knowing that the law was against us, took advantage of it and has been using it as his weapon to further alienate us from God. That’s why when God nailed the law to the cross, He made a public spectacle of the devil and all the powers of darkness! Once the law was nailed to the cross of Jesus, God knew that the law no longer had the power to condemn us as long as we believed on Jesus. Therefore, when you know and believe that Jesus has fulfilled completely the righteous requirements of the law on our behalf, the devil cannot use the law to condemn you every time you fail.

Today, if the enemy uses the law to point out your sins, look to the cross of Jesus and reject the condemnation. You may say, “No one can blot out God’s handwriting.” Yes, you are right. No man can, but God can! And God did it righteously. My friend, you have been redeemed from the curse of the law. The devil and his crew
have been disarmed. Hallelujah!

Refuse to subject yourself any longer to the old covenant system of the law. Don’t put the weapon of the law back into the devil’s hands. Every teaching that says, “You have to keep the law to be blessed by God,” is doing just that. Reject such legalistic teachings and rest in the truth of God’s disarmament and grace. The more you believe and embrace the truth of His grace, the more you are empowered to experience victory over your failings and challenges. This is how you reign, and when you reign, the devil doesn’t!

**Today’s Thought**

*God has disarmed the enemy of the right to use the law to condemn me.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I thank You that the “handwriting of requirements” that was against me was nailed to the cross when Jesus fulfilled every righteous requirement of the law for me through His death. I therefore believe that no devil, principality, or power has the right to use the law again as a weapon to judge or condemn me. I stand forgiven and accepted before You because Christ has fulfilled the law for me and was judged and condemned in my place. Amen.*
And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10 KJV

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

Galatians 3:13 NLT

“For your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in power. Your right hand, O LORD, smashes the enemy.”

Exodus 15:6 NLT
DAY 9

The Priceless Gift of Righteousness

Today’s Scripture

*Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

*Romans 3:20*

Beloved, understanding the purpose of the law is critical to your relationship with God. He gave the law for one purpose: that you would have the knowledge of sin and recognize your need for a Savior.

Without the law, there would be no sin (Rom. 4:15). For example, if there is no law on how fast you can drive on a particular road, that is, if there is no speed limit, the state trooper cannot stop you and give you a ticket for speeding. In simple terms, no law equals no sin. No recognition of sin equals no need for a Savior!

The law was thus given to bring man to the end of
himself so that in his despair, he would see his need for Jesus. Because of the law, no man can say that he is not a sinner and no man can say that he doesn’t need Jesus. That is the purpose of the law. It was not designed to make you godly, but to expose your ungodliness.

What the devil wants to do is keep the law over your head all the time so that you constantly feel condemned and guilty. That is how he keeps you trapped in a cycle of defeat. The devil is the master legalist who constantly reminds you of how unworthy you are of God’s blessings. Known as the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10), here are some of his common attacks: You call yourself a Christian?

You are a hypocrite!

Forget about praying. God will never listen to your prayers.

Look at your life. How dare you step into church?

My friend, these are lies, all lies! The devil is using the law to make you conscious of all your shortcomings. But through Jesus Christ, you are no longer under the condemnation of the law. The devil has been disarmed by the power of the cross! Jesus, who knew no sin, was condemned on your behalf on the cross. Through Jesus Christ, you are now made righteous apart from the works of the law. So when you hear the voice of the accuser condemning you, remind yourself that you are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). Declare it out loud! Come on, say it with me three times,
Righteousness is a gift. It is not a reward for perfect obedience to the law. You are clothed today not in your own righteousness, which is self-righteousness, but with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. God sees you as righteous as Jesus Himself. This is your permanent, eternal standing before Him because of what Christ has done for you.

And hey, when you are clothed in Jesus’ righteousness, any obstacle that tries to obstruct you from living your life to the fullest, whether it’s an addiction, sickness, fear, or depression, has to go!

**Today’s Thought**

*I am clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ Himself, and it is God’s gift to me.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for disarming the accuser of the brethren and rendering every condemnation of his powerless and untrue. I thank You that You have clothed me in Your righteousness and it is a priceless gift that can never be earned! Help me to keep growing in the revelation of how my righteousness is a*
gift from You. I believe that as I keep receiving Your grace and gift of righteousness, You will cause me to reign over any obstacle to living my life to the fullest for Your honor and glory. Amen.

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”
ISAIAH 61:10

“…every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me,” says the LORD.
ISAIAH 54:17
Over twenty-five years of ministry, I have found that only the preaching of God’s radical grace brings hope to believers. Only the finished work of Jesus can bring us wholeness, shalom-peace, and freedom from condemnation and a painful past. Let me share with you a heartfelt praise report I received from Alena, who lives in New Zealand. Listen to how God put her heart back together:
Pastor Prince, I grew up in a home with an abusive father whose difficult ways strained our family relationships to the breaking point. When his health deteriorated with multiple diseases, the Lord placed in my heart my parents’ need for help. I asked Him, “Why me? I can’t stand my father’s ways!” In the end, I told God that although I didn’t want to, I would do it for Him.

My care for my parents lasted many, many years, and I sacrificed much to take care of my father. I put my entire heart into it, praying for him and keeping him company when he was lonely. Yet, right up to the moment he died, all I received from him was rejection. Whenever I went to him, he would just turn his face away. He never relented, not when I asked him for forgiveness for anything I may have done to cause him hurt, and not even on his deathbed.

You can imagine how heartbreaking that was. During his funeral preparations, I was so devastated that I couldn’t even think straight. I was totally broken. I couldn’t breathe through the pain and overwhelming guilt in my heart.

Reading your book has brought a healing release that I needed so much because of all the guilt and condemnation that had built up inside me. The release was so tremendous that I jumped for joy, cried my heart out for days, and felt God’s peace in my heart and life. I feel so free! Free from the weight of legalistic teachings, rejection, and bondage. The weight that came off me was phenomenal. My heart that was once so full of pain...
became so light, so at peace.

Thank You, Jesus, for Your finished work on the cross! I am free from condemnation! Every day, I confess over my family and myself that I am greatly blessed, highly favored, and deeply loved! Hallelujah!

You may be familiar with the guilt and condemnation Alena experienced during that devastating period in her life. Perhaps condemnation has also imprisoned you in a suffocating grip over some things that may have happened in your past. Beloved, God in His love and grace wants to set you free today. What you need to know is that no amount of trying to fulfill God’s law can ever bring you the wholeness and restoration you need. But where you could not and cannot, Jesus fulfilled the law on your behalf and paid the price for your sins at the cross.

Today, your part is to believe in your Savior and receive from Him the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. That’s how you receive healing for your broken heart and body, wholeness for your mind, and His strength and victory to overcome every area of defeat and darkness in your life. It’s time to step into a life of rest in Christ Jesus and His finished work, and watch Him give you the breakthrough you need.

Today’s Thought
It’s time for me to rest from my own efforts and rest in
Jesus’ finished work!

**Today’s Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for unveiling Your great heart of love and grace that bring me hope. I praise You for how much You love me no matter what my failings are. I believe that only Your grace can bring me lasting wholeness, completeness, and shalom-peace. Today, I rest in Your love because it is based on the sure foundation of Your unchanging Word. Because You love me, You are with me and for me today, supplying all that I need to reign in life. Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORd.

**Psalm 31:24**

“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.”

**Isaiah 54:4**

“Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess
double; everlasting joy shall be theirs.”
ISAIAH 61:7
DAY 11

How Do You See God?

Today’s Scripture

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

Matthew 7:11

Our enemy the devil is well aware that the moment you learn to receive God’s grace, you will start to reign in life. So he has been working hard to prevent you from receiving the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. The devil has been using controversy as a device down through church history to prevent believers from having access to the most powerful truths of God. He has built fences of controversy around healing, prosperity, and grace (calling them heresies) to keep believers from reigning over sickness, poverty, and sin. You can always tell how powerful a truth is by the number of controversies the devil surrounds it with!
Please pay close attention to what I am saying. Not all controversies are based on the truth of God’s Word. We have to test everything against what the Bible says. Nevertheless, controversy is a tool that the devil uses to prevent God’s people from accessing His truths. He is a crafty liar and deceitful thief, so we have to base what we believe on the Scriptures and test everything against it. If you want to know the truth about God’s grace, study His Word yourself and see what it has to say about grace!

_Pastor Prince, are you one of those “prosperity gospel” preachers?_

My friend, there is no such thing as a “prosperity gospel.” There is only one gospel in the Bible—the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, when you believe the gospel of Jesus, which is based entirely on His grace, it will result in health and abundance of provision. In fact, the gospel of Jesus Christ leads to blessings, success, healing, restoration, protection, financial breakthroughs, security, peace, wholeness, and _much more_!

God blesses you not because you are good, but because He is good. It is based on His faithfulness and goodness toward you. It is not contingent on your performance, but on His _undeserved favor_. If it were contingent on how good you are, then it would no longer be grace but the law. It would be _deserved favor_. This is the difference between the old covenant of law and the new covenant of grace: _Law is deserved favor_—When you obey the commandments perfectly, you will be blessed.

_Grace is undeserved favor_—Jesus obeyed God
perfectly, and you will be blessed by believing in Him.

My friend, which covenant are you under today? Law or grace? Deserved favor or undeserved favor? How do you see God—as your Judge or loving Father? If you think that being blessed by God today is dependent on your doing, your ability to keep the law, and your ability to make yourself righteous, I ask you to test your understanding of grace against the Scriptures. Read today’s Scripture again and open your heart to what it says about God and His grace toward you: God is your loving Father in heaven who loves you and has nothing but good gifts for you. He sent His Son to die for you so that you can enjoy every one of these good gifts. Today, receive His abundant grace!

**Today’s Thought**

*God blesses me not because I am good, but because He is good. He is my loving Father in heaven.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Dear Father in heaven, open my eyes to always see You for who You are and to see Your love and compassion for me. I thank You that though I have done nothing to deserve Your love and blessings in my life, You have given me the covenant of Your grace that is completely unmerited. I humbly receive*
the abundance of Your goodness and grace and Your precious gift of righteousness in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13 NLT

So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:7 NIV

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1:17
A good friend of mine who’s a fellow minister once suggested to the dean of a reputable Bible school that “grace” be incorporated into the school’s curriculum. The dean replied, “You have to be careful when it comes to grace.” This apprehension about grace is prevalent in many Christian circles. The moment they hear “grace,” they go on high alert!

I told my minister friend that I don’t agree grace should be a topic in a Bible school’s curriculum. Grace is not a topic—grace is the gospel. It is the good news! The word “gospel” simply means “good news.” Grace is not a theology topic, doctrine, or subject. It is a person, and His
name is Jesus. That’s the reason the Lord wants you to receive the abundance of grace, for to have the abundance of grace is to have the abundance of Jesus!

In an earlier reading (Day 6), I drew your attention to the fact that “the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). Do you see? The law was given, implying a sense of distance, but grace came in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the personification of grace. Jesus is grace! Now, I want you to notice something else too: based on this Scripture, truth is on the side of grace and not on the side of the law.

Today’s Scripture declares that “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Well, my friend, grace is the truth that will set you free, not the law of Moses. The law is on the side of Moses, but grace and truth are on the same side as our Savior. Yet, there are people today holding on to the law of Moses and preaching it as if it is the “truth” that liberates. My friend, the grace of God is the only truth that liberates! Truth is on the side of grace!

Unfortunately, there are well-meaning people today who are afraid that when you tell a believer that he is completely forgiven by grace and no longer has to earn his right standing before the Lord via the law of Moses, it will cause him to go out and live a life of sin and debauchery. However, the Bible is very clear that the “strength of sin is the law” (1 Cor. 15:56). It is not grace that gives people the strength to sin; it is the law! The more you are under the law, the more sin is strengthened! Conversely, the more
you are under grace, the more sin will be depleted of its strength.

In fact, the Bible declares that “sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Now, don’t just gloss over this powerful revelation. This means that the more grace you receive, the more power you have to overcome sin. In other words, sin shall not have dominion over you when you receive the abundance of grace!

So who switched the roles? Will the real gospel please stand up? Do you see how the devil has pulled the wool over the eyes of God’s sheep and put up fences surrounding the gospel of grace?

My friend, the truth that has the power to break down your prison doors and make you free is the truth of His grace. Your freedom is found in believing in Jesus—His grace and His love in your life. Every dark thought and evil addiction that may have held you captive cannot but scatter when they are exposed to the light of His grace and truth!

Today’s Thought

The truth that has the power to set me free is the truth of the grace of God.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You for the truth that it is the
abundance of Your grace that liberates me from sin, guilt, condemnation, fears, and addictions. I praise You for breaking down the prison doors that have held me captive. I receive and rest in Your love and grace for me today. Let me see more and more of Your beautiful Son, Jesus. Let me receive more and more of His love, His grace, and His goodness so that I may fully experience the liberty You have purchased for me. Amen.

“The Spirit of the L ORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the L ORD.”

LUKE 4:18

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

GALATIANS 5:1
DAY 13

See Yourself Clothed in Jesus’ Righteousness

Today’s Scripture

*For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.*

**Romans 10:3**

Are you, like some believers today, still rather confused about the gift of righteousness you have received through Christ? Perhaps you’ve heard through conventional theology that although you were made righteous by grace (called “positional righteousness”), you now have to do right and keep the law to continue being righteous. (They call this having “practical righteousness.”) My friend, this is something that Apostle Paul never taught! Today’s Scripture declares that there is only one righteousness of God that we are to submit to. It is clear that Paul is against any teaching that says you have to
merit or maintain your own righteousness. You are either righteous or you are not. There is no such thing as first having “positional righteousness” and then having to maintain that through “practical righteousness.” You are the righteousness of God in Christ, period!

There are many believers who are very sincere about keeping the law and establishing their own righteousness, but I’m sorry to say this: they are sincerely wrong. God’s way is by grace. Righteousness cannot be earned by good works. It can only be received as a gift. A gift is no longer a gift if you have to work for it. If I gave you a brand new, dazzling red Ferrari on the condition that you pay me US$20,000 every month until it is all paid up, is the Ferrari really a gift? Of course not! How can it be a gift if you have to pay or work for it? That is double-talk! So stop trying to earn God’s gifts with your own works. His gifts to us are without conditions attached and can only be received by faith.

Many believers are defeated today because they are trying to earn their own righteousness by their law keeping and good works. My friend, start believing that righteousness is a gift because of what Jesus has accomplished on the cross for you. All your sins—past, present, and future—have been washed away by His precious blood. You were completely forgiven the moment you received Jesus into your life. You will never be held liable by God for your sins ever again. You have been made as righteous as Jesus not through your behavior, but by faith in Him and His finished work on the cross (Phil.
Perhaps you are saying, “But I didn’t do anything to become righteous!” That is exactly right. And Jesus did nothing to become sin. Being clothed with Jesus’ perfect righteousness is a gift that He purchased for you with His own blood! Therefore, righteousness before the Lord cannot be earned. Your righteous standing or right standing before Him can only be received as a gift. Today, your right to be righteous is a blood-bought right! There is nothing you can do that will make God love you more, and there is nothing you can do that will make Him love you less. He loves you perfectly and sees you clothed with Jesus’ righteousness.

My dear friend, you no longer have to live confused about your standing before God. Know that when God sees you today, He sees you clothed with Jesus’ righteousness. Use your faith to believe that God accepts you and sees you righteous, blessed, favored, and healed. See yourself as God sees you and begin to be set free from every pang of guilt, all forms of condemnation, and every kind of bondage and sin!

**Today’s Thought**

*God loves me perfectly, and He sees me clothed with Jesus’ perfect righteousness—always.*

**Today’s Prayer**
Father, thank You for Your Word that tells me my only righteousness is the righteousness of Jesus that You have given me as a gift. I cannot merit this gift so I humbly receive it with gladness. I believe right now that You see me clothed with Jesus’ righteousness and that I stand completely forgiven, with every sin paid for and the right to live free from condemnation. As I look to You to help me live by this truth every day, I believe that sin will no longer have dominion over me. Thank You for Your abundant grace and gift of righteousness. Amen.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

…and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

PHILIPPIANS 3:9

Blessings are on the head of the righteous…

PROVERBS 10:6
DAY 14

Encounter the Person of Grace, Jesus Christ

Today’s Scripture

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Romans 6:15

When I share—even from the Bible—the gift of righteousness we have through Christ, someone will inevitably ask, “But, Pastor Prince, if you preach that one is forever righteous before the Lord apart from his works and law keeping, won’t people go out and live a licentious life? Won’t it give people a license to sin?”

In addressing this question that today’s Scripture deals with superbly, allow me to make this explicitly clear in black and white, so there is no doubt in anyone’s mind: I, Joseph Prince, am vehemently, completely, aggressively, and irrevocably against sin! Sin is evil. I do not condone sin. A lifestyle of sin leads only to defeat and
destruction. My goal is for people to live a life of victory over sin, but I do not believe a victorious life comes by preaching the law. I am convicted that it happens by preaching the grace of God.

When you visit our church, you won’t find a congregation that, having received the good news of the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, wants to run off and start living in sin. In fact, some of the top business people, management executives, entrepreneurs, lawyers, accountants, and consultants in my country attend our church, and you will find a congregation that is deeply in love with the person of Jesus. You will hear wonderful and amazing testimonies of how marriages have been restored, how terminal diseases have been miraculously healed, how long-term addictions and bondages have been supernaturally overcome, and other awesome testimonies that the good news of Jesus brings.

What you will see in our congregation is that sin loses its appeal when you encounter the person of grace, Jesus Christ, and realize all that He has done for you on the cross and blessed you with. You will begin to realize that you have been given this great gift of righteousness and that you did nothing to deserve it. You did nothing to earn it and you did nothing to merit it.

Now, will such an encounter with Jesus cause you to want to go out and sin? Of course not! On the contrary, it will cause you to fall in love with Jesus all over again. It will make you a better husband, a better father, a better housewife, a better student. It will make you someone
who desires with all your heart to guard the glory of our Lord Jesus by living a life that is victorious over sin, by His grace and strength. The preoccupation with Christ instead of self will cause you to start reigning in life through the one, Jesus Christ. That is what we call the Grace Revolution!

The Word of God says, “Awake to righteousness, and sin not…” (1 Cor. 15:34 KJV). The more you realize that you are righteous, the more you will experience victory over sin! So wake up every morning and give thanks that you are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ!

**Today’s Thought**

*Sin loses its appeal when I encounter the person of grace, Jesus Christ, and receive all that He has done for me and blessed me with through the cross.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for unveiling to me the person of grace, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for all that He has done for me through His finished work on the cross. I praise You for the gift of His righteousness that I can never deserve or earn. I want to keep encountering Jesus and His grace for me—in increasing measure, day by day. Thank You that as I grow in the revelation of Your grace and gift of righteousness to me, You will cause me to overcome*
the challenges I face and live for Your glory and honor. Amen.

...there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 34:8

Awake to righteousness, and sin not...

1 Corinthians 15:34 KJV
DAY 15

True Rest for the Weary Soul

Today’s Scripture

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

MATTHEW 11:28–30

Perhaps by now you are wondering whether the grace teaching you have been reading or hearing is doctrinally sound. Here’s the litmus test, my friend: the preaching of the new covenant of grace should always exalt Christ. It should always reveal more and more of Jesus—His beauty and the perfection of His finished work on the cross. Jesus and what He has done are always glorified when true grace is taught. There is no proper grace teaching without Jesus Christ. So ask yourself,
have you been hearing about Jesus and what He has done, or have you been hearing about man and what he must do?

Now, what is the effect of hearing Jesus and His finished work exalted? It leads to a life of rest and good success, because His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Today’s Scripture explains this very simply. Jesus was speaking to people who were weary and worn out by the requirements of the law of Moses. The yoke of the law is hard and heavy. The yoke of grace is easy and light because it involves none of you and all of Christ. He has borne the burden of sin on your behalf. Under grace, your part is to only believe on Jesus Christ, and when you believe, you are made righteous and blessed!

I love this testimony from Nadia in South Africa that showcases the amazing grace that Jesus brings. This is the undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor of God that leads to rest, joy, and true success for the weary soul:

Three years ago, I had a high-powered career with plenty of financial resources and a wonderful family. The flip side was constant exhaustion from a ridiculous schedule, guilt from not spending time with my young son and husband, and stress from trying to balance it all on my own. On top of everything, I had been taught that Jesus expected a perfect performance from me in order for His blessings to flow in my life. I was burned out and very deficient in many areas of my life, including joy.

As I read one of Pastor Prince’s books and listened to
his CDs, I began to see how Jesus paid the price for my sins to give me His righteousness and freedom, and that it was His will for me to live an abundant life, full to the brim and overflowing. Very gently, Jesus began to move me away from the “success” that was making me so unhappy.

My husband and I made plans to change our circumstances so that I could be with my children on a more permanent basis. Despite the financial implications for our family, Jesus gave me such a shalom-peace about our decision. So I left my high-powered, financially stable job to begin my own consultancy. Jesus was amazing in providing for us throughout the year, not just financially, but also in quality time. I had time to draw infinitely closer to Him, time for my family, and even time for my hobbies, which included finishing the writing of my first novel.

However, being still involved with corporate life through my consultancy, I struggled to walk in the peace that Jesus promised us. The old habits I’d formed with regards to stress and worry still intruded into the new space Jesus had provided for me. Then, unexpectedly, the doors in my business began to close. Confused and uncertain, I felt as though I was in the middle of a hurricane as I tried to open the doors that would lead me deeper into corporate consulting. But through Pastor Prince’s sermon, The Key of David—God Opens Doors That No One Can Shut, Jesus reassured me that He was in control, and that I could trust Him because He loves me.

I stand in awe of Jesus because He has closed doors
that weren't good for me and opened doors beyond my grandest dreams. He opened the door to having my book published by one of the biggest international publishing houses in the world. In just five months, Jesus turned my situation around, giving me a new career in which I can reach and inspire many more people than I would ever have dreamed possible. He has provided me with family time and time to be with Him. I know from His Word that He will bring me good success. I now wake up looking forward to the day with such joy and expectation of His goodness—not because of anything I have done, but all because of Him!

When I look back on the journey Jesus has brought me through, I can see His grace at every turn. Jesus is so kind, magnificent, and altogether lovely! He has delivered me into a truly rich and bountiful life that is full of His joy and abundance!

That, my friend, is the grace of God. It provides rest and freedom from all your self-efforts. It is the unshakable basis on which you can expect God to provide for you and lead you to good success. If you are weary and heavy laden, come to Jesus, the gracious one, and learn from Him all that He has done for you. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. By His grace, find rest, yes, true rest for your soul. Start receiving the treasures that were purchased for you by His blood and begin reigning in every area of life!
Today’s Thought
Jesus’ amazing grace is what brings true rest to my soul and provision for every area of life.

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You for showing me what true grace teaching is and for inviting me to come to You to find rest for my soul. I thank You that Your yoke of amazing grace is easy and Your burden is light. Lord, I come into Your presence with boldness because of the blood that You shed on the cross for me, and I lay all my sins, failings, addictions, and bondages at Your feet. I receive Your forgiveness and power to overcome them. I believe that You love me and have already forgiven me. I worship and adore You, my precious Lord and Savior. Amen.

Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation).

EPHESIANS 2:5 AMP
Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me…and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 AMP

So let us do our best to enter that rest…

Hebrews 4:11 NLT
DAY 16

Stop Being Robbed

Today’s Scripture

“...I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers... I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people...For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

HEBREWS 8:8–10, 12 (emphasis mine)

Do you sometimes think God is happy with you, and then at other times think He is angry with you? Or that He forgives all your sins today, but that tomorrow He may not be as forgiving? That’s what a lot of Christians believe. “It’s simple,” they tell me. “God is happy with me when I do right, and He is angry with me when I do wrong.” Really? I call this “schizophrenic Christianity”!

Dear reader, if you find yourself in this unhappy camp, I
believe it is because you are living between two covenants—the old covenant of law and the new covenant of grace. As a result, you believe in a mixed message that tells you there are times when God is happy with you and times when He is angry with you.

Let me show you something that will clear up this erroneous belief. While the old covenant of law is based on “you shall not...you shall not...you shall not,” I want you to notice in today’s Scripture that the new covenant of grace is the Lord saying, “I will...I will...I will...” It is clear that the emphasis and demand of the covenant of law is on you performing, while the emphasis and demand of the covenant of grace is on God Himself performing! He will do everything on our behalf. In fact, because Jesus has already died on the cross for us, He has already done everything on our behalf. Remember, Christianity is “done, done, done,” not “do, do, do.” Jesus came to establish the new covenant of grace and under this new covenant, God is no longer angry with you because His anger and wrath have already been exhausted on the body of Jesus on the cross.

Pay close attention to this for it will radically transform your life: the only reason Jesus could cry out “It is finished!” (John 19:30) on the cross was that the full anger of God against sin had been totally exhausted on His body. Jesus cannot lie! And if the anger of God against all your sins has already been completely exhausted, how can God be angry with you today when you fail? How can God be angry with you when He has already declared,
“Your sins and your lawless deeds I will remember no more”?

Many Christians have been robbed of fellowship and intimacy with God because they believe the lie that God is still angry with them because of their sins. They avoid having contact with Him, thinking that He gets angry with them whenever they fail. So instead of going to God when they fail, they run in the opposite direction. Instead of running to the solution, they run away from it.

Stop being robbed of true intimacy and a relationship with your gracious heavenly Father. Instead of avoiding Him when you fail, know that He has the answer to all your problems. This is why you can always run to Him and receive grace for your failures. His grace is greater than all your failures. He loves you perfectly and wants you to reign in life, so go to Him with all your imperfections. He is your God, and He will love and transform you into wholeness!

Today’s Thought

Because the full anger of God against sin has been totally exhausted on Jesus’ body, He is not angry with me when I fail.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You for the amazing sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, where You completely exhausted Your
anger against all my sins on the body of my substitute. Because of the cross, You have declared that my sins and lawless deeds You will remember no more. Thank You for assuring me through Your Word that Your love for me is not dependent on my performance. I will no longer be robbed of true intimacy and fellowship with You. Today, I receive Your grace afresh to reign in life. Amen.

“For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

ISAIAH 54:10

But there is forgiveness with You [just what man needs], that You may be reverently feared and worshiped.

PSALM 130:4 AMP

...so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:7 NASB
DAY 17

What about God’s Wrath?

Today’s Scripture

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*

*John1:29*

When I was growing up in the Lord, I used to picture God as an elderly, unsmiling man with white hair, white eyebrows, and a white beard. I used to see Him holding a big club, waiting to bash me on the head as soon as I failed or made a mistake. Of course, when I grew in my understanding of God, I started to see Him without that big menacing club, but He was still not smiling and He was still very old.

I still remember how, as a teenager, I was praying one day when I heard God’s voice saying to me, “Son, why do you picture Me like that, as an old man?” I replied
confidently, “Well, You are a Father and that’s how fathers look like, right?” He replied, “Son, do you know that growing old is part of the curse that came upon the earth because of Adam’s sin? In heaven, there is no curse. We are forever young.”

When I heard Him say that, all of a sudden, I began to see God as the same God who spoke with Abraham as a friend under the terebinth trees and showed him the stars, the same God who parted the Red Sea and delivered the children of Israel from slavery, the same God whose hand of favor made a young shepherd boy king over all of Israel. That’s how I see my God today. **He is forever young, strong, and loving!** He is not wielding a club and ready to punish me. His arms are spread wide, ready to embrace me.

My friend, do you see God as an aged judge or a young-looking, loving Father? Do you see an angry God today, or a God who is smiling and ready to embrace you? Because of Jesus’ finished work, I finally came to see that we are no longer under the covenant of law where God is happy with you sometimes and angry with you at other times. **Today, He will never be angry with you, but will always accept, love, and favor you because of Jesus Christ.**

Years ago, a very disturbed looking guy came running up to me after I had preached a sermon and said, “Pastor, you talked about God’s love, but the Bible also says that God is wrath!” I explained to him that while God has wrath, the Bible never defines God as wrath. Instead, according
to the Bible’s definition, *God is love* (1 John 4:8). He then exclaimed, “But Pastor Prince, sometimes I see God being angry in the Bible!”

I explained, “When we see God being angry in the Old Testament and in the book of Revelation, His anger is toward those who have rejected Him and Jesus. But for you and me, believers in the new covenant, we will never be punished because we have already received Jesus. As believers, God is not angry with us because all His anger for our sins fell upon Jesus at the cross. Jesus became the Lamb of God who took away all our sins. On the cross, He cried out, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’ Why do you think He cried that? He cried that so we would all know specifically that at that point in time, God’s wrath fell upon Him. He became our sin offering and the fire of God’s wrath punished Him completely. He who knew no sin became our sin, so that you and I who are already believers will never experience God’s wrath.”

After I had explained this, this precious brother thanked me. The disturbed look that had creased his face had given way to a smile. I believe that as he walked away, there was a peace and assurance in his heart that God was not angry with him because his sins had already been judged completely on the cross at Calvary. Hallelujah!

It’s time to end the confusion about God’s wrath and to start seeing God for who He really is. God is (present tense) love. Believe Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken
away all your sins and that His grace is shining on you. You are His beloved child, in whom He is well pleased!

**Today’s Thought**

*Today, God will never be angry with me because Jesus Christ bore all my sins at the cross.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, precious Lamb of God, I thank You that You became the offering for sin on my behalf and took away all of my sins on the cross. Thank You that I am accepted in You and well pleasing to the Father because of Your finished work. I believe that I am the Father’s beloved child today and always, and I choose to rest in His great love for me that never ceases. Amen.*

“For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.”

ISAIAH 54:9

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

ROMANS 5:9
All Things Become New

Today’s Scripture
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17

Let me share with you a story of a Singaporean brother who was born into a Christian family. During his growing-up years, he was forced to attend church and reprimanded when he didn’t. All he learned was that Jesus hung on the cross but he didn’t know why. In high school, he started to smoke and drink heavily, became rude, hot-tempered, and vulgar, and entered a life of crime, stealing, vandalizing, and getting into fights. His life spiraled downward into drug addiction and armed robberies, and he eventually became a full-time gangster. Yet, there was a cry within him for things to change. God answered that cry and this brother came to know about God’s amazing
grace. He wrote to me to share what God’s grace has done in his life:

Pastor Prince, my story of bondage by the devil came to an end just a few years ago when I got to know a certain girl. Even though she was a new believer, she would tell me about the grace, mercy, and love of God, and why Jesus died for me. I was amazed at her knowledge of Jesus. She brought me to your church, and as you began to minister, I felt a warmth all over me and I started to cry. I felt like I was falling in love, but I did not know with whom yet. It was beyond the love of man, and I raised my hands up high and said the sinner’s prayer at the end of the service.

From that point on, my life was no longer the same. Jesus began to deliver me from so many bondages. I heard you share a testimony about how another church member was delivered from a smoking addiction by confessing his righteousness in Christ, and I started to do the same. I would smoke and confess my righteousness in Christ, that Jesus had taken my smoking addiction on the cross, and that He still loves me even though I was still smoking.

Amazingly, two weeks later, nine years of heavy smoking and six years of alcoholism were gone! As time went by, Jesus delivered me from my gang involvement and from many other bad habits, such as my addiction to pornography. I truly became a new creation in Christ Jesus! Everyone who knew me was shocked at my
transformation. I was even healed of a ten-year urinary problem. I used to have to go to the toilet many times in the night, but now I am able to sleep through the night in peace.

Pastor Prince, what man could not do, Jesus did. It was the grace of God that changed me. I did not deserve it, but I thank God for the blood of Jesus. He took me just as I was and now I am a child of God. When I heard you preach the grace of God, I did not go out to start a new gang, smoke, drink, or sleep around. It is a lie that when God’s grace is preached, people will go out and sin more. In fact, it was His grace that changed a wretch like me. I believe that God has blessed me to be a blessing. I want to spread this good news that only Jesus can make a difference in our lives.

Hallelujah! Isn’t it amazing to see what the grace of God can do in a person’s life? No matter how messed up your life has become, all it takes is an encounter with Jesus and a revelation of His grace for your life to be transformed. You see, the more revelation you have of the grace of God and His forgiveness, the more you will have the power to reign over all your challenges and addictions. You will begin to experience the reality of old things passing away, and all things becoming new!

Today’s Thought
The more revelation I have of the love and grace of God, the more I am empowered to reign in life over challenges and addictions.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You that absolutely nothing is impossible with You. Thank You that the moment I put my faith in Jesus, I became a new creation! Old things have passed away and by Your grace, You are making all things new for me. Your grace is greater than my past and greater than the challenges I am facing now. I believe that with You in my life today, I can expect good even when the situation seems hopeless, and walk in all the amazing plans You have for me. Amen.

For it is by free grace (God’s unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God.

**Ephesians 2:8 AMP**

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**Psalm 146:5**
Soon after the tragedy of September 11 had taken place, some believers publicly declared that God was judging America because of her sins. When I heard that, I could just imagine some terrorist somewhere in Afghanistan agreeing with them and thinking that “god” was indeed using him to judge America. Can you see that something is amiss when both believers and terrorists agree on the same thing? Thousands of people died and many families, friends, and loved ones were thrown into grief. How can that be the work of our loving Father? Read the Bible for yourself. It says that God is “not willing that
any should perish” (2 Pet. 3:9). Terrorism is the work of the devil. It is not the work of our loving Father.

**But Pastor Prince, didn’t God use Elijah to call down the fire of judgment on those who opposed him?**

Yes, the story of a literal fire judgment that fell upon the enemies of the prophet Elijah is told in 2 Kings 1:1–15, and there are other accounts of God’s judgment in the Old Testament, such as upon Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:24–25). But God wants us to be able to rightly divide His Word (2 Tim. 2:15). He wants us to be astute in rightly dividing and clearly separating what belongs to the old covenant of law and what belongs to the new covenant of grace. He wants us to be able to distinguish what occurred before the cross from what occurred after the cross and to understand the difference the cross has made. Many believers today are living as if the cross did not make any difference!

Don’t just take it from me that God will not call down the fires of judgment on you today. See for yourself what Jesus Himself said about what Elijah did. Do you remember the time when Jesus wanted to enter a certain village in Samaria, but the people there refused to receive Him? When Jesus’ disciples saw that the people rejected Jesus, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” Now, how did Jesus respond to them? Did He say, “That’s a great idea! You are truly disciples who carry My heart”? No, of course not! Read your Bible. He turned to His disciples and rebuked them firmly, saying, “You do
not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them” (Luke 9:54–56).

My friend, the Spirit of Jesus in the new covenant of grace is not the spirit of the old covenant of law during Elijah’s time. Jesus wants you to have full assurance in your heart today that He did not come to condemn or destroy you. He came to save you (John 3:17)! The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came that you may have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). He wants you to live a life marked by His love, power, and blessings. Where there are broken relationships, they are mended. Where there are bad habits, they are broken. And where there are challenges, you emerge victorious. Hallelujah!

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus came not to condemn me, but to save, heal, and bless me.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that Your Son, Jesus, came to save me and help me experience a glorious, abundant life that is beyond anything I can ever imagine. Keep showing me more and more of the Spirit of Jesus so that my heart may be anchored in Your grace and Your peace may reign in me. Help me*
to fix my eyes on Jesus, who makes all the difference in my life. Amen.

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

   JOHN 3:17

“…the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

   LUKE 19:10

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

   2 TIMOTHY 2:15
DAY 20

God Is for You

Today’s Scripture

…If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

ROMANS 8:31–32

Have you ever received a “word” from someone that brings your sins to remembrance or instills an expectation of punishment for sins in your life? If you have or do in the future, don’t fear it, just throw it out the window! Understand that all prophecies and messages you receive today must be filtered through the cross. Don’t allow anyone to tell you that something negative has happened to you or will happen to you because of God’s punishment against your sins. Reject such bad news in the name of Jesus. Instead, start receiving the good news of Jesus. When you are faced with difficult circumstances,
keep on believing in His love that was demonstrated on the cross for you and He will cause whatever the devil meant for evil to be turned around for good and for His glory! When the devil throws lemons at you, God will turn them into lemonade for your enjoyment!

There was a young couple in my church who had lost their baby due to some complications. And I was furious when I learned that a so-called “prophet” had told them that they had lost their baby because there was sin in their lives. That was really cruel! The couple was grieving, and instead of being a source of encouragement and edification, this “prophet” took advantage of the situation to appear prophetic at the expense of God’s precious people.

We may not have all the answers, but we can have full assurance that the negative circumstances we sometimes experience are not the works of God, neither are they His punishments for our sins. When we have this confidence that God is for us and not against us, we can believe for restoration, breakthroughs, and good things to happen to us.

Our church leaders told the young couple that it was not the Lord punishing them for their sins. They reminded them that all their sins have been punished at the cross of Jesus. This helped them to remove all the guilt and condemnation that they were carrying in their hearts. Since then, the Lord has blessed them with a beautiful baby.

I have also received testimonies from other couples who received God’s restoration in this area. I noticed that
these couples had one thing in common: after they heard the good news of the gospel of grace, it liberated them from all guilt and condemnation. Instead of believing that God was against them or punishing them, they started believing that He was for them. They started trusting aggressively in His grace and goodness. And without fail, restoration always came. Now, that’s God! When He restores, His restoration is always greater in quantity or quality. But think about it: if those couples continued to believe erroneously that God was punishing them because of their sins, they would never be able to muster the courage and trust God for restoration, for a new child.

My friend, to reign in life it’s important you believe with all your heart that God is for you and not against you. His truth, His righteousness, His gospel, His salvation, His Word, and His Spirit declare that your sins have been punished on the cross. God is on your side. And if God is for you, who can be against you?

Today’s Thought

*If God is for me, who can be against me?*

Today’s Prayer

*Father, thank You for providing me with the invincible truth of Your Word that guards my heart from all fear, guilt, and condemnation. Thank You that no word of condemnation formed against me shall prosper*
because You are for me and not against me. I choose to live by this truth, and I believe that eternal life, deliverance, preservation, restoration, and safety are mine today because of Christ. Abba, Father, because You are for me, I can face today and every day with boldness and a confident expectation of good things happening to me. Amen.

Then shall my enemies turn back in the day that I cry out; this I know, for God is for me...In God have I put my trust and confident reliance; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**Psalm 56:9, 11 AMP**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?

**Hebrews 13:6 AMP**
DAY 21

His Love Never Fails

Today’s Scripture
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.
PSALM 103:2–3

Let me share with you a testimony of how believing in God’s love, grace, and goodness brought healing to one precious lady in Singapore. Connie was diagnosed with a tumor on the pituitary gland in her brain. The MRI scan showed that the tumor was a macro-growth of about 1.5cm. She was presented with two options: immediate surgery to remove the tumor (the risk of surgery being a 20 percent failure rate and the possibility of going blind in one eye) or medication. She was told that if she decided on medication, it would take a long time to work, with most tumors shrinking only after a year or so. This is Connie’s story:
Pastor Prince, what the doctors said about the tumor was devastating news to me and my family. I remember telling myself that if I were to lose my eyesight, I would not want to live anymore.

It was during this time that my family resolved to commit the whole thing to God, to trust and rely on Him entirely and pray for healing. We opted to go with taking medication. Despite wanting to believe in God’s love and goodness toward me, I was constantly plagued with questions such as, “Does God love me anymore? Does He even care? Is He punishing me for something wrong that I’ve done? Should I just grit my teeth and accept the situation?”

It was only when a colleague and friend at my workplace started passing me your sermon CDs to listen to that I was reminded once again of my Savior’s love, grace, and goodness toward me. I believe that as I listened to the Word preached via the CDs, my body began healing.

Within a month of the medication, the level of prolactin in my blood decreased and the balance of chemicals in my body became stable. After two more months, the MRI scan showed that the tumor had shrunk to half its original size. I was very encouraged and, most importantly, I felt confident and secure that my God was doing His work of healing in my body, that He loves and cares for me enough to know that I was hurting and to do something about it.

The best news came when the MRI scan showed that
the macro-tumor was GONE! The doctor was amazed and kept saying that in most cases, even when a tumor had shrunk by so much, there would still be remnants of tumor cells. But in my case, the tumor was completely GONE, with no trace of any tumor cells at all!

No words can describe how grateful and thankful I am to God. I know that it is God who has healed me. But what’s more important is the fact that I stand tall as a child of God, and I know that I am the righteousness of God because of what Jesus has done on the cross for me. Knowing that I am deeply loved and cared for by God makes me so secure in my relationship with God. I want to give all the glory and praise to God. I am what I am today—healed, whole, and at peace—only because of the preaching of the gospel of grace!

My friend, if Connie had believed that God was punishing her for some sin, she would have just gritted her teeth, accepted her sickness as punishment, and never sought God for healing. But praise God that He brought light into Connie’s situation and showed her how much He loved her!

If you want to see the power of God’s grace operating in every dimension of your life, I challenge you to believe in His love, His gift of righteousness, and His forgiveness. There is power to heal now if you would turn to and rest in His finished work and in His love for you. His love never fails!
Today’s Thought
No matter what I face, God’s love for me never fails!

Today’s Prayer
Father, I bless Your great name and praise You, my healer and provider. What a loving and compassionate Father You are! As I meditate on Your Word of grace, let it bring healing, life, and liberty from every wrong belief and bondage in my life. I open my heart to receive Your deep and intimate love for me. You know everything about me, and You care about the smallest thing that bothers me. I reach out by faith right now and receive Your provision, healing, and wholeness for every area of my life. Amen.

“The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
ZEPHANIAH 3:17

“Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the L ORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the L ORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’”
ISAIAH 58:8–9
DAY 22

You Are Righteous and Blessed

Today’s Scripture

...David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.”

ROMANS 4:6–8

You may have read Connie’s story in yesterday’s reading and may be wondering, “How do I fully rest in God’s love when I read about how God punished His people in the Old Testament? For example, didn’t God punish King David for committing adultery with Bathsheba and plotting the death of her husband, Uriah, and didn’t David lose his first child with Bathsheba?”

Yes, that tragic death is recorded in 2 Samuel 12, but don’t forget that David, like Elijah, lived before the cross of
Jesus. Sin was imputed to David, and although the punishment was tempered with God’s mercy (God spared David’s life), David was punished nonetheless with the death of his child because he was under the covenant of law and not the covenant of grace. You will never find an example of God punishing a believer for his sins in the new covenant.

Do you know who David was describing when he said, “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin” (Rom. 4:8)? Since it’s clear that sin was imputed to David, he could not have been describing himself as some scholars claim. No, he was looking prophetically into the covenant of grace. He was describing you and me—a new generation of people who are under the covenant of grace!

My friend, when David described the blessed man as one to whom the Lord will not impute sin, he meant that even when this man sins, God will not count his sin against him nor punish him for his iniquity. Too good to be true? That is why David defined this man as a blessed man. And this blessed man is you and me!

Today, you are blessed because the Lord no longer counts your sins against you. Because of the cross of Jesus, you will never be punished for your sins by God. Your sins were imputed to Jesus so that they would never be imputed to you. Under the new covenant of grace that was sealed with the blood of Jesus, God has already judged your sins completely on the body of Jesus Christ. This means that even when you fall short of God’s holy standards, the punishment for sin will not fall on you. The
wages of sin is death, but Jesus has already died on your behalf. Your sins have already been imputed to His account!

Consider what John said: “…if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1). He did not say, “If anyone sins, he will be punished for his sins!” No, under the new covenant of grace, Jesus is today your Advocate. He represents you before God, and as Jesus is, so are you (1 John 4:17)!

Is Jesus righteous before God? Yes! Then so are you. Is He accepted before God? Yes! Then so are you. Is He well pleasing before God? Yes! Then so are you.

The good news is, even when you fail, God does not judge you for your failure. All your sins have been judged at the cross. Hallelujah! Knowing that Jesus has borne the punishment for your sins will cause you to fall in love with Him. It will give you the strength to break free from sin! Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise!

**Today’s Thought**

*I am blessed because my sins were imputed to Jesus at the cross. Today, He is my Advocate with the Father.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that because my sins were imputed to Jesus and punished in His body, I am*
forgiven and blessed, and nothing can reverse this. Thank You that Jesus is my Advocate and represents me before Your throne. Your Word says that my acceptance with You is based on Jesus and that I can live life with boldness and freedom from the fear of punishment from You. Thank You for showing me Your grace today and putting strength in my heart to break free from sin. I am free in Jesus’ name. I praise You, Father, and give You glory! Amen.

...if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 JOHN 2:1

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

1 JOHN 4:17

For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.

PSALM 5:12
Jesus Is Your Answer

Today’s Scripture

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life… If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”*

*John 14:6–7*

When I was growing up as a young Christian, I was told that the more I knew about God, the more God would hold me accountable, and my punishment for falling short of His expectations would be more severe than someone who knew less. My response was to stay away from the Bible, since the more I knew, the more I would be punished by God. Come on, my mama didn’t raise no fool!

I was also taught that the closer I drew to God, the more trials and tribulations I would experience. From that point on, I didn’t want to draw close to God. If you have been taught these or similar lies about God, you would
very likely also have been robbed of any desire to build a more intimate relationship with Him.

As I grew in the Lord, He opened my eyes to see that the teachings I had received were not true. Contrary to what I had been taught, I found that the closer I drew to God, the closer I was to the answer to all of my problems. I was drawing close to the miracle worker. I was drawing close to the healer. I was drawing close to the provider, my Jehovah Jireh!

My friend, the more of God’s truth you know, the more the truth will set you free from erroneous beliefs that are not based on His Word. It is the devil who would love for you to fear God (in an unhealthy way), so that you would stay away from your best source of help. The devil would love for you to stay away from the Bible because it is the book of your inheritance and it tells you what belongs to you through the blood of Jesus Christ. The devil would love for you not to find out the truth so that he can keep you in bondage, sickness, and poverty.

Distortions and lies about God lead us away from Him and ultimately into the depths of despair and fear, like they did for Tina, who lives in Florida. Tina had been involved with a religious, cult-like organization for twelve years and became gripped by the terror that the devil was going to kill her. However, when she started watching my television program, listening to my sermon CDs, and immersing herself in the good news of Jesus Christ, her fears started to dissipate. She said, “Despite my erroneous beliefs, my awesome heavenly Dad lavished such tremendous love on
me, all through hearing and reading about the glorious gospel of grace! He unveiled Jesus to me through your teaching, brought me out of spiritual darkness, and gave me the courage to walk away from the cult. As I face each new day, I know His presence is always with me, that I am His beloved and He loves me dearly. This is just the beginning of a greater restoration that God is bringing into my life. He is just that good, and there is no other like Him! Hallelujah!"

I add my hallelujah as well! My friend, the moment you begin to have the right perceptions of God and draw near to Him, the devil cannot keep you bound in a life of defeat. All the lies, distortions, and erroneous teachings about God will collapse like a house of cards when your eyes are opened to His grace. You will realize that the Lord is not your problem but your answer—to every problem. Your freedom and victory are found in Him. He is your security, your righteousness…your all in all!

**Today’s Thought**

*The closer I draw to the Lord, the closer I am to the answer to all of my problems.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Jesus, I so want to know You in truth. Thank You that Your Word is the truth that shows up all wrong beliefs, distortions, and lies about You. Today, I am*
running to You rather than away from You. Help me to always see You as the God of love and compassion You really are and to come boldly to receive Your mercy and grace. I believe that whatever challenges I face today, You are my unfailing answer. I believe that to know You, the only true God, is eternal life. Amen.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 NLT

...you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:10
DAY 24

By His Stripes You Are Healed

Today’s Scripture

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

ISAIAH 53:4–5

One of the most evil teachings that I have heard is that God will chastise His own with sicknesses, diseases, accidents, and tragedies. When I was a teenager, one of the youth leaders in my previous church was involved in a horrible accident that nearly killed him. A church leader gathered some of us youths to go visit that youth leader and began to lament, “Why did this happen to him? What did he do to cause God to chastise him this
Can you imagine how I felt when I “realized” that God was behind the accident? Honestly, it frightened the living daylights out of me to think that God would chastise a believer using such a harsh method! I remember praying, “God, please don’t ever chastise me this way. Whatever it is, please, just tell me, all right? I will listen, I promise!” I didn’t want to draw near to Him also because I was afraid of Him, afraid that if I made a mistake, He would not hesitate to chastise me with an accident that could leave me crippled for life or even dead!

Do you know that this erroneous teaching is actually based on the old covenant and not the new covenant? In Leviticus 26:28, God says to those who fail to obey His commandments, “I will chastise you seven times for your sins.” But guess what? You are no longer under the covenant of law. You are under the covenant of grace! Jesus has already borne all your chastisement and punishment on the cross. Read it for yourself in today’s Scripture, then reread it and reread it once more.

The prophet Isaiah saw a prophetic vision of our Lord Jesus on the cross, bearing the punishment for our transgressions. He declared that the chastisement that we deserved came upon Jesus so that you and I will never have to go through what He endured on our behalf. And by the stripes laid on Him as He bore our chastisement, we are healed! Hallelujah!

So how can anyone have the audacity to say that God will still chastise us with sicknesses, diseases, and
accidents today? To say this is to negate the finished work of Jesus Christ! Under the new covenant, God will never again chastise the believer for his sins!

Whatever condition you have today, it is not from the Lord! Look to Jesus on the cross. See Him beaten and scourged for you, and receive healing and wholeness from Him. He has paid the price for your total healing. By His stripes you are healed!

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus has borne all my chastisement on the cross, and by His stripes I am healed.*

**Today’s Prayer**

_Father, thank You that Your eternal Word states that every curse and stroke of punishment and chastisement for my sins was placed upon Jesus’ body on the cross. I believe that by His stripes I am healed of every condition, affliction, and symptom that plagues my body today. I praise You that Jesus’ shalom-peace—perfect well-being and wholeness in every area—is mine because of His sacrifice for me. I open my heart and receive Jesus’ total and complete forgiveness and healing for my body, mind, and emotions. Amen._
...Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”

Galatians 3:13 NASB

“LORD, help!” they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death.

Psalm 107:19–20 NLT
DAY 25

The Truth about God’s Chastening

Today’s Scripture

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

HEBREWS 12:5–6

Pastor Prince, how can you say there is no chastisement and punishment in the new covenant? Today’s Scripture states it very clearly.

My friend, there is confusion in the church because the original Greek word for “chastens” in today’s Scripture has been poorly translated. The Greek word is actually paideuo,\(^1\) which means child training. Pai is where you get the word pediatrician (a doctor who specializes in treating children), while deuo means to teach a child. You
will find that the translation of the word *paideuo* as child training is more consistent with the context of the passage. Read on. The next verse says, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?” (Heb. 12:7). Clearly, because God deals with us as sons, He disciplines and brings correction to us just as earthly fathers would their sons.

Now, think about this for a moment: would you give your son a sickness, terminal disease, or accident to teach him a lesson? Then why do you think your loving Father in heaven would do that? No way! When you train your child, you give him lessons that will teach him things to benefit him in the future. And for him to benefit from the lesson, how can he die from it? So God would never use terminal sicknesses or fatal accidents to teach you and me—His children—lessons. In the new covenant, while there is no longer any punishment for sins, there is *child training*. But God does not train His children with sicknesses, diseases, or accidents any more than you and I do. He does it through His Word (see 2 Tim. 3:16–17, Heb. 12:9).

Yet, sadly, there are still Christians who accuse our heavenly Father of using sickness and disease to discipline His children. What kind of God is that? Come on, He is our *Abba! Abba* is the most affectionate term you can use to address a father in the Hebrew language. It means “Daddy!” Do you really think your Daddy God will punish you that way?
If you earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more your heavenly Daddy who loves you (Matt. 7:11). Sicknesses, diseases, and accidents are from the devil, and because of Jesus’ finished work, we have been redeemed from every evil work and curse. We can receive protection from every evil occurrence, sickness, and disease. Our heavenly Father is one who “forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies” (Ps. 103:3–4). And by the stripes on Jesus’ back, we are healed!

Whenever you hear a teaching that puts fear in your heart, such as “God gives you diseases and accidents to teach you a lesson,” you can be sure that what you are hearing is not the gospel, or good news, of Jesus. The good news of Jesus always liberates as His perfect love removes every fear. The good news always imparts faith and exalts the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross!

My friend, reject anything that even remotely suggests that God is angry with you and is going to discipline you with painful, deadly things when you fail. Our Father is full of grace and mercy and wants us to be healthy, provided for, and protected from all evil occurrences! Let’s start to expect good gifts from Him.

Today’s Thought
God is my Abba Father who loves, saves, forgives, heals, and blesses me because of the cross. He is not a God who disciplines me with sicknesses and accidents when I fail!

**Today’s Prayer**

Abba Father, thank You for making me a part of Your family and calling me Your beloved child. Because of Your unconditional love for me, You sent Jesus, and I believe He bore every one of my failings at the cross. Because You love me, You want the best for me and You guide me with Your Spirit and Your Word. I open my heart to receive Your deep, intimate love for me. I believe that right now, You are forgiving, healing, redeeming, and crowning me with Your lovingkindness and tender mercies. Amen.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 NASB

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 1:2
DAY 26

There Is Power in Hearing the Gospel Preached

Today's Scripture
And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.

ACTS 14:8–10

Have you ever wondered how the crippled man in today’s Scripture, who had never walked, came to be filled with faith when he heard Paul speaking? What words generated such faith?
Let’s look at this closely in today’s as well as
tomorrow’s reading. The Bible only says that Paul was “preaching the gospel” (Acts 14:7). It doesn’t say that he was teaching divine healing. The Bible also states that “faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17 NASB). So the man at Lystra was filled with faith because he heard the word of Christ! I know that in most Bible translations, it says that faith comes by hearing “the word of God.” But if you study the original Greek word for “God” here, it is not Theos for “God,” but rather Christos for “Christ.”¹

You see, faith does not come by simply hearing the word of God, because the word of God would encompass everything in the Bible, including the law of Moses. There is no impartation of faith when you hear the Ten Commandments preached. Faith only comes by hearing the word of Christ—teachings that have been filtered through Jesus’ finished work and the new covenant of grace. That means hearing preaching of the Word from Genesis to Revelation as long as it is from the perspective of Jesus and His grace. After all, Christ is in the Old Testament concealed, and in the New Testament revealed. In the Old Testament, you will find shadows of Christ in the five Levitical offerings, the tabernacle of Moses, and even in the high priest’s garments, but it takes a new covenant understanding to draw Christ out. Only when Christ is preached will faith be imparted.

I can just imagine how the man at Lystra responded when he heard Paul proclaiming that he could be justified from all things if he only believed in Jesus. When he heard
the good news of Christ, faith came and filled his heart to believe that he was forgiven of all his sins. And at that very moment, he heard Paul commanding him in a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” Before he had time to hesitate, he found himself leaping to his feet with joy, and for the first time in his life, he walked! Hallelujah!

This is so similar to a praise report I received from Lizzy, who lives in Virginia. For ten years she had been praying for a young woman who was molested as a child and developed anorexia as a teen. The girl’s condition worsened and she was placed in a ward for cardiac patients because her heart became too weak to function properly. In spite of the counseling and treatments she received, her condition did not improve and the doctors pronounced her as “dying.” Then, this happened:

Too weak to even read, this young woman began to watch Joseph Prince and hear the messages of God’s love and grace. Shortly before Christmas, her permanent feeding tube fell out on its own and she began to do what the doctors said she would never do again—eat solid food! She said she had heard Joseph Prince saying that when her spirit got stronger, her body would follow, and it has!

She is now able to attend church. Her pastor has even placed her to minister to the family of a fourteen-year-old girl who is anorexic. She is telling the girl that nothing worked for her except the grace of God. Hallelujah!

My friend, faith for healing or any other breakthrough
you need comes when you are simply hearing the gospel of grace preached, as the crippled man of Lystra did. The Bible declares that the gospel is the power of God unto your salvation (Rom. 1:16), which includes total wholeness, preservation, and well-being.

**Today’s Thought**

The more I keep hearing the word of Christ—the gospel of grace—the more faith is imparted to me.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You for the power that accompanies the hearing of the word of Christ. Thank You that all I have to do is hear and believe the good news about Jesus, and that activates Your power to save, to heal, to give strength, and to impart Your divine life in and through me. Help me, as I read Your Word, to see Jesus unveiled. I believe that as I see more and more of everything Jesus has done for me at the cross, more and more of Your loving grace and power will surround me for all that I need and cause me to be a blessing. Amen.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For
in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

ROMANS 1:16–17

So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

ROMANS 10:17 NASB
DAY 27

What Imparts Faith

Today’s Scripture

“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

Acts 13:38–39

Did you notice in yesterday’s reading that Paul did not lay his hands on the crippled man at Lystra to heal him? The faith to be healed came from just listening to Paul preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and when he simply responded to the apostle’s command to stand up, he was healed. While what Paul preached to the man was not recorded for us, we do have one of Paul’s sermons recorded word for word for us by the Holy Spirit in the preceding chapter (Acts 13:16–41). And the highlight or climax of that sermon is found in today’s Scripture.
Now, listen carefully to this: the power of the gospel that Paul preached to the crippled man is found in the forgiveness of all your sins for “everyone who believes.” There is no other qualification for being forgiven of all your sins. The old covenant was based on justification by works (obedience to the Ten Commandments). You had to perform to be forgiven. But the new covenant of grace is based entirely on justification by faith (believing in Jesus Christ). Can you see the radical difference? The demand is no longer on you, but on Christ. This is the good news: all who believe in Jesus receive the forgiveness of all their sins and are justified from all things! Good news? Hallelujah! There is no better news than this!

We have experienced this time and again in our church services. As people are sitting in the service and hearing the gospel of grace and Jesus’ finished work being preached, healing miracles break forth!

This has happened not just in our church services, but also in other places. One of my dear friends, Marcel Gaasenbeek, shared with me a wonderful healing miracle that took place in his car as he was driving to Romania with a few friends. Marcel is a pastor of a dynamic grace church in Holland, and on this particular day, he was on his way to Romania for a preaching engagement. He was listening to one of my sermons in his car, something that he did often.

Lulled by the monotony of the long drive, one of Marcel’s friends dozed off in the backseat. This friend had been involved in a jet ski accident some years ago, and
since then he often suffered sharp pains in his back. Somehow, through the fog of sleep, he heard me preach this: “Jesus has already healed you and the devil is the one giving you lying symptoms in your body.” He said “Amen!” in his heart, agreeing that Jesus had already healed him by taking his sin and bearing his sicknesses and pains on the cross. At that moment, he felt the power of God go through him, and he was completely healed! All the pain in his back was gone!

That’s the power of hearing and hearing the gospel of Jesus. That’s how faith comes! The more of Jesus you hear, the more of His grace you receive. The more revelation you get of His finished work, the more you will receive an impartation of faith for any situation, even the seemingly impossible ones!

**Today’s Thought**

*The more of Jesus and His forgiveness I hear, the more of His grace—His healing, His supply, and His victory—I receive.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that there is power in reading and hearing messages that are all about Jesus and the forgiveness of all my sins through Him. Thank You for the good news that Jesus has justified me from all things. Help me to make listening to and reading*
anointed messages of the gospel of Jesus a daily priority. I believe that You will reveal more and more about Jesus’ finished work and impart to me the faith to receive every miracle I need. Amen.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

**ROMANS 10:14**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

**ISAIAH 52:7**
DAY 28

So Great a Salvation

Today’s Scripture
...so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit...

HEBREWS 2:3–4

In the year 2000, I preached a sermon titled, *Aleph-Tav—Jesus’ Signature In The Bible*. Aleph is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet and tav is the last. The message was all about the person of Jesus and how He revealed Himself to be the Alpha and Omega (or Aleph and Tav, as He would have spoken Aramaic or Hebrew), the Beginning and the End. As I was preaching, I came to the Scriptures in yesterday’s reading, Acts 13:38–39, which I want you to turn back to and read out loud just as I did during that service.
The moment I finished quoting the verses, the bar chimes that were on the stage behind me started to play by themselves! There was nobody near the chimes. My musicians do not sit on the stage behind me when I preach. And it wasn’t just a soft tinkle. The chimes played beautifully by themselves, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, from the first to the last of the chimes. This was witnessed by more than a thousand people who were at the service. Everyone in the service could hear the crystal clear notes coming from the chimes. The anointing of God swept through the auditorium. Some people started crying, while others glorified the Lord and started clapping. It was beautiful.

It was the Lord.

Exactly at the point when I had finished reading the two verses on the forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit fell upon our congregation and hugged us. It was as if the Holy Spirit was saying a resounding “Amen” to the two verses.

Anyone who was there can vouch that there was no way the waves of music from the chimes could have been caused by a gust of wind or some other natural cause. It was a supernatural event. God was confirming His Word with a sign. The chimes were played very deliberately. I can just imagine an angel of God running his fingers down the length of the chimes softly, before allowing his fingers to sweep through the chimes again and again. It’s impossible to completely describe what happened. You have to hear it for yourself!
By the way, this service was captured on both audio and video recordings. If you do get hold of the recordings, you will be able to hear the chimes playing distinctly. Unfortunately, you won’t be able to see the chimes in the DVD recording, even though you will see a shot of me turning to the chimes and asking the congregation to look at it. The cameraman was completely stunned by this supernatural occurrence and just kept the camera focused on me.

Now, let me share with you why that night was particularly significant to me. Unbeknownst to me at the time, there were several false accusations about me being circulated in the church, and many church members who had been deeply affected by those lies came to that service asking God to speak to them about the accuracy of the gospel of grace I had been preaching. When the chimes played supernaturally, it was a confirmation from the Lord bearing witness to “so great a salvation”!

My friend, whatever you are going through at this moment, whatever might be troubling your heart, believe that the gospel of grace—Jesus justifying you of ALL things through His death on the cross—is the power of God to salvation, period (see Rom. 1:16–17). You will see His awesome grace sweep into your situation to rescue and deliver you.

**Today’s Thought**
The more of the gospel of grace I hear and believe, the more I will see God bearing witness to His great salvation with signs, wonders, and miracles.

Today’s Prayer

Father, I thank You that You have given me so great a salvation and the abundance of Your grace. I know You have only good things in store for me. I believe You are bringing the fragrance of the Holy Spirit’s sweet presence and power into my life and confirming the truth of the gospel of grace in every area of challenge I am facing. Help me to keep my eyes on You instead of my circumstances. I believe that by Your grace alone, I will reign in life and walk in liberty above every negative circumstance the enemy brings against me. Amen.

“I want you to know, my very dear friends, that it is on account of this resurrected Jesus that the forgiveness of your sins can be promised. He accomplishes, in those who believe, everything that the Law of Moses could never make good on. But everyone who believes in this raised-up Jesus is declared good and right and whole before God.”

ACTS 13:38–39 THE MESSAGE

“\textbf{The LORD is my strength and song, and He has}
become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him... I will exalt Him.”

EXODUS 15:2

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

1 CHRONICLES 16:23
DAY 29

You Can’t Add to a Finished Work

Today’s Scripture
But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4–7

It’s interesting to note in the biblical account of the crippled man being healed at Lystra that even as hearing the gospel of grace produced a wonderful miracle of healing, it also produced outright opposition to it. The Jews there who held on to the old covenant of law came to see what all the commotion was about, won the crowd to
their side, and began to stone Paul and left him for dead (Acts 14:19).

The gospel the apostle Paul preached is not a man-pleasing gospel and was opposed by legalists everywhere he went. (Today’s legalists are still doing the same thing. I call them the “religious mafia,” those who depend on their own efforts to achieve their own sense of righteousness.) Yet, Paul preached the truth of the gospel even if it meant being stoned by his opponents and being expelled from cities. Why? Because the gospel is the power of God to salvation!

Are you faced with an impossible situation today? Are you trusting the Lord for a breakthrough or wanting to see more of His power in your life, body, finances, or career? If so, make sure you are hearing the gospel that Paul preached. I encourage you to get hold of good teachings that are full of the good news of Jesus. The more you hear about Jesus, His beauty, His forgiveness, and His finished work, the more you will stop being preoccupied with yourself, your lack, and your weaknesses. You will become fully occupied with Jesus, His glory, His perfection, and His grace, and freedom, healing, and wholeness are the result!

Josephine, who lives in Virginia, adds a heartfelt “Amen!” to this truth. She is in her twenties and has been a Christian since she was very young. However, when she went to college, she fought a losing battle with depression that lasted seven years. Treated with therapy and medication, she had to constantly increase the dosage
but still felt completely miserable and in her case, continually terrified. People told her she just had to love God more, but she never seemed to measure up. She struggled with depression to the point she couldn’t even get up in the mornings because she was so tormented in her mind.

Then, her mom gave her one of my books. Josephine wrote to me and said, “After reading your book and accepting God’s love for me and trusting in Him and His finished work, I was totally and miraculously healed. I learned to just say, ‘God, I know that I cannot overcome this on my own. I rest in You. You live the victorious life for me. I know I cannot overcome these thoughts on my own, but I can rest in You.’

“I now live a life of joy and peace that I never imagined was possible for me. I am so in love with my Savior and now the gospel all makes sense. He first loved me and healed me, and now I have the ability to love and to live life with peace and joy. Just like the Word says, knowing the truth set me free!”

What an amazing testimony of the power of simply hearing and believing the gospel of grace. My friend, if you have been struggling with a particular challenge, keep feeding on the abundance of God’s grace through the hearing of the gospel. Don’t let anyone from the “religious mafia” add more conditions to your forgiveness. You are already forgiven of all your sins simply because you believe in Jesus! Nothing more, nothing less. This is the gospel that Paul preached. And when you get a hold of
this truth and simply believe it, you will see the power of God come into your situation to give you the breakthrough you need!

**Today’s Thought**

I am already forgiven of all my sins simply because I believe in Jesus! Nothing more, nothing less.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You for the work You are doing to renew my mind with right beliefs based on eternal truths from Your holy Word. Open my eyes to always see that I am forgiven of all my sins simply because Jesus took my punishment at the cross. I believe this truth with all of my heart today and I choose to reject anything that tries to add conditions to the forgiveness and righteousness I have through Christ. By Your grace I will win the battle for my mind and see healing in my body. I believe that You are working on my behalf, turning depression into joy, sickness into health, and lack into supply as I rest in Your grace. Amen.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.
Deuteronomy 28:2 AMP

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3 NLT

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8
DAY 30

Completely Forgiven, Always Accepted

Today’s Scripture

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23

When I was a teenager, I got hold of a teaching that said a Christian could commit the “unpardonable sin.” Have you heard this “unpardonable sin” teaching before? This erroneous teaching says that all sins can be forgiven, but if you commit the sin of blasphemying against the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31), there is no forgiveness.

As a young Christian, it really frightened me. The more I thought about the possibility of committing the unpardonable sin, the more I was convinced I had committed the sin! My thoughts became increasingly negative and I even started to doubt God, giving me even more reason to believe that I had indeed blasphemed
against the Holy Spirit.

I went to my church leaders to seek counsel, but instead of leading me to the new covenant of grace, they told me that it was indeed possible for a Christian to commit the unpardonable sin. By then, I was getting more and more depressed. The devil was oppressing me with thoughts of guilt and condemnation. The more I believed that I still had unforgiven sins, the more I believed that I had used up all of God’s grace in my life. No one taught me about the blood of Jesus, or showed me that my thinking and believing were actually dishonoring the blood of Christ and negating Jesus’ work on the cross for me. I really thought that my sins were greater than God’s grace. I felt like I was losing my mind and on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

It was through this tumultuous journey that I began to understand the grace of our Lord Jesus. I now know beyond the shadow of a doubt that a Christian cannot commit the unpardonable sin. Here’s why. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit came to testify of and witness about Jesus Christ (John 15:26). To blaspheme the Holy Spirit is therefore to continually reject the person of Christ whom the Holy Spirit testifies of. Study the Word of God carefully. Who was Jesus speaking to when He spoke of the unpardonable sin? He was speaking to the Pharisees, who continually rejected Him as their Savior and even accused Him of having an unclean spirit. Jesus’ response was, “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven…but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has
forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation” (Mark 3:28–29). Why did He say that? The next verse tells us that it is “because they said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’”

Therefore, in the context of the Bible, Jesus was warning the Pharisees to stop committing the sin of rejecting Him, the only Savior, and depending on their own efforts to be saved. This clearly does not apply to the believer. You see, in reading the Bible, it is important to note who the words were spoken to and to ascertain if the words are relevant for the believer. In this case, Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees who had rejected Him and who even made claims that He had an unclean spirit. Imagine their audacity!

As for you, my friend, have full assurance in your heart that it is impossible for a believer to commit the unpardonable sin. Today’s Scripture shows us that a believer (who is in Christ) has already received the gift of eternal life and will never be “subject to eternal condemnation.”

Beloved, do not be deceived. Because we are in His Son, Jesus Christ, we will never experience God’s anger or rejection. Be anchored and secure in the Father’s love and your complete acceptance in Christ. His finished work on the cross has wiped out your entire life’s sins—past, present, and future—once and for all, bar none!

**Today’s Thought**
Jesus’ finished work on the cross has wiped out my entire life’s sins—past, present, and future—once and for all, bar none!

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that my faith is anchored and secure in Your love and in what Jesus has done for me on the cross. I am in Christ Your Son, the one who is true. Help me to see through all of the enemy’s mind games, lies, and distortions of truth that oppress me with thoughts of guilt and condemnation. My eyes are fixed on Jesus, my righteousness and justification, and my glory and boast are in Him alone.*

*Amen.*

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

**John 15:26**

“I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to Me, for I have paid the price to set you free.”

**Isaiah 44:22 NLT**
DAY 31

Your Breakthrough Is Not Contingent on Your Obedience

Today’s Scripture

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

There is a lot of confusion and wrong believing in the church today, and the repercussions of deception that surrounds the simplicity of the gospel of grace that is in Christ can be devastating. I received this heartfelt praise report from Robin in Michigan, whose experience highlights what can happen when you don’t understand the difference between the old and new covenants.

After I became a born-again Christian three years ago,
I was studying the Gospels at Bible college and read about the “unpardonable sin.” Immediately, a very negative thought about the Holy Spirit entered my mind. I felt as though I had died on the inside and my mind was immediately bombarded with thoughts of, “You’ve done it now! There is NO pardon or forgiveness for what you have just done!”

I felt short of breath and sick to my stomach. All throughout the night, I was inundated with crazy, condemning thoughts that I was no longer saved. The first thought I had when I woke up the next morning was, “You’re going to hell. You had your chance to make it to heaven but you blew it!”

This hurricane of swirling emotions took me on a six-month downward spiral of condemnation and oppression. It was the hardest time I have ever experienced. I felt so nauseated at the thought that I had lost my relationship with God that I lost fifteen pounds and couldn’t function properly.

I tried everything that I thought I should be doing—praying, crying, pleading, casting out, and fasting. I searched the Bible looking for something to obey, because I was taught that my breakthrough was contingent on my obedience. I thought that since what I was going through was “radical oppression,” only “radical obedience” could pull me out of it. However, that only brought on a string of dead works that did nothing for me.

During that period, I even thought that I was demon-possessed because I would have twisted, perverted
thoughts about the people who were around me, and the more I tried to stop the thoughts, the worse they became. I got to the point where it was as if I could feel my life slowly draining away day by day. I had to garner all my strength just to go to work and get through the day. Then I'd just come home and cry on my bed. I thought I had lost everything.

By the grace of God, I discovered Joseph Prince on his television program. I listened to sermon after sermon on grace—a message I had never heard before! I began to feel alive on the inside, with feelings of peace and joy. Better yet, I started to fall in love with this beautiful Jesus in ways that I had only dreamed about before! It was as if someone poured “miracle growth” onto my spiritual life. My eyes were opened to revelations I had never seen. Starving for God’s grace, I was brought closer to God than I ever thought possible!

The condemning thoughts faded and the thoughts of failure changed to thoughts of God’s love for me. When I was trying to be a good Christian, I was only crawling along inch by inch, but now that I’ve got hold of grace, I am running in my relationship with God! My life has been radically changed by God’s love and the more I learn about God’s amazing grace, the more I desperately want to glorify Him with my life!

My friend, do you see that there is a battle for your mind that can only be won through a revelation of Jesus and His grace? The power to break the enemy’s
condemnation that paralyzes and holds you back from enjoying a truly intimate relationship with God comes the moment you believe the gospel of grace. The simple truth is that Christ is your righteousness, your obedience, your sanctification, and your justification. Ignore the enemy’s accusations and keep your eyes on the beautiful one, Jesus, who has accomplished it all for you!

**Today’s Thought**

*Having an intimate relationship with God and experiencing breakthroughs are not contingent on my perfect obedience, but on my believing that Jesus alone is my righteousness and justification.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I thank You that the gospel is all about Jesus and what He has done for me. It’s not about me and my obedience or failures, what I do or don’t do. By Your grace I will win the battle for my mind and cast down every wrong belief that keeps me bound in legalism and self-condemnation. Thank You for showing me that You have already forgiven me and that You always see me righteous in Christ. I believe that as I fill my mind with Your love and new covenant truths, I will be radically changed for Your glory.*

  *Amen.*
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation.

**EPHESIANS 2:13–14**

“In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.”

**ISAIAH 54:14**
DAY 32

Establish Your Heart in God’s Grace

Today’s Scripture
And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.
COLOSSIANS 2:13

Apostle Paul’s letters provide a marvelous foundation in understanding the gospel of grace. That’s why, when it comes to reading the Bible, I always encourage new believers to begin with his letters. Many new believers like to start with the book of Revelation or Genesis, but get confused in the process because they lack the proper foundation to rightly divide the old and new covenants.

Have you noticed, for instance, that Paul never once mentioned the unpardonable sin in all his letters to the churches? If Christians could commit the unpardonable sin and lose their salvation, Paul should have mentioned it
in every epistle that he wrote. But he didn’t. In fact, what he emphasized was our forgiveness. In today’s Scripture, for example, Paul declares that Jesus, by His death on the cross, has made us “alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.” I have checked the original Greek word for all in this verse and guess what? “All” means all! Jesus, through His own blood, has forgiven you of all your sins, so there is no sin that is unpardonable! By one perfect sacrifice, He has cleansed you of the sins of your entire life, and you are now sealed with the promise of eternal life! You need to receive this good news that will establish your heart in His grace and give you the confidence that you are indeed irrevocably saved!

Beloved, God does not leave you wondering whether you are saved or not. He tells you outright that you are His and that nothing can ever separate you from His love—not even sin—because His Son’s blood is greater than your sin! Knowing that all your sins are forgiven is crucial for your health, peace of mind, wholeness, and wellness. My struggle and Robin’s struggle with the unpardonable sin are cases in point. The more you believe that all your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus, the more you will become whole—body, soul, and spirit!

And should you ever doubt that God has forgiven you of all, all you have to do is open His Word. Read it and remind yourself how the price for “all trespasses” has been fully paid, the judgment executed, and every bit of condemnation against you already meted out on the body
of Christ at the cross. Hallelujah! To establish your heart in the grace of God, meditate on such new covenant truths that exalt Jesus and His finished work. This is how you go from faith to faith and experience breakthrough upon breakthrough in all areas of life.

**Today’s Thought**

*By one perfect sacrifice, Jesus has cleansed and forgiven me of ALL my sins. This is the good news that establishes my heart in His grace and assures me I have eternal life.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for cleansing and forgiving me of every sin at Calvary. I believe what Your Word declares: You have fully paid the price for all my sins, the judgment has been executed, and every bit of condemnation against me has already been meted out on You at the cross. Thank You that nothing can change this fact because Your Word is final. No matter how I feel today, I believe that Your perfect sacrifice has cleared me of all sin. Thank You for setting me free by Your grace to enjoy Your favor, peace, and abundant life. Amen.*

“To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
though we have rebelled against Him.”

Daniel 9:9

…but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18
DAY 33

God Remembers Your Sins No More

Today’s Scripture
“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”
HEBREWS 8:12

When something goes wrong, is your first thought, “Well, this must be happening to me because of the sins that I have committed”? When you have a flat tire or fall sick, do you wonder, “What sin is God punishing me for now?” If your answer to both questions is “yes,” you are not alone. This kind of thinking is so prevalent in the church because many believers don’t really believe that they are under the new covenant. They believe the opposite of today’s Scripture and think God is not merciful to their mistakes and always mindful of their sins.

The problem with the church today is wrong believing.
Jesus Himself defined the new covenant for us at the last supper when He said, “...this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). The main clause of the new covenant is the forgiveness of all your sins because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Your forgiveness does not hinge on how many good deeds you have done, how much money you have given to the church or charities, or what leadership position you hold. No, it all hinges on the shed blood of Jesus.

God put the main clause of the new covenant—Hebrews 8:12—as the last clause to show us that it is this final clause that makes the new covenant work in our lives. If you don’t believe the main and final clause, then you won’t experience the full benefits of the new covenant. You are also negating God’s Word and the finished work of Jesus. The new covenant says that God is merciful to your unrighteousness and has forgotten your sins and lawless deeds. If God says that He has forgotten them, then He has truly forgotten them. God cannot lie!

But how can God forget my sins?

He can because He is God! If He said it, then He has done it. You know that sin you committed many years ago? God has forgotten it. He does not keep an itemized account of all your failures. There is no big projector screen in heaven to show all your sins—from the day you were born to the day you die. All records of your sins have been incinerated by the blood of Jesus when He cried out, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). When God looks at you
today, He sees you covered with Jesus’ blood and completely righteous.

Only the devil, you yourself, and the people around you will bring your sins to your remembrance. So when you are weighed down by the mistakes of your past, run to God and lean on His grace! Why? For He will be merciful to your unrighteousness, and your sins and lawless deeds He will remember no more. This is the main clause of the new covenant of grace! This is His Word!

**Today’s Thought**

*If God declares that He has forgotten my sins, who am I to contradict Him?*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for the amazing revelation that You have forgotten all of my sins and lawless deeds, and that every record of my sins has been incinerated by the blood of Jesus. Today, I choose to believe that because of Jesus’ finished work at the cross, You see me completely righteous in Him. Help me to always see You as the God of love and compassion that You really are, and to always come boldly to Your throne to receive Your mercy and grace. Amen.*

*He then goes on to say, And their sins and their*
lawbreaking I will remember no more.

**HEBREWS 10:17 AMP**

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”

**ISAIAH 43:25**
DAY 34

How Much Has God Forgiven You?

Today’s Scripture

…“Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head…Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

LUKE 7:44, 47

In yesterday’s reading, we established that the main and final clause of the new covenant is found in Hebrews 8:12—“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Some people hear me teach this and immediately ask me, “If believers know that all their sins have already been forgiven and forgotten, won’t they go ahead and sin?”

Well, I have yet to encounter anyone who, after
knowing the truth of Hebrews 8:12 and the Lord’s grace, says to himself, “Yippee! Now I can go out and sin!” However, I have encountered sincere people who have given up and walked away from God because they didn’t know or believe the truth of Hebrews 8:12. To earn God’s forgiveness, they tried to keep the laws of the old covenant, only to fail consistently and end up feeling like hypocrites. In contrast, those who have received and believed the truth of Hebrews 8:12 and other new covenant truths have had their lives, marriages, and families gloriously transformed by the grace of our Lord Jesus.

I had a couple come up to me once and tell me they would like to be married in our church. They told me that they had in fact been married to each other before and had kids, but that they had been separated for many years. Somehow, separately, they both started attending our church and after listening to the teaching on forgiveness and God’s grace, God began to restore their relationship and they wanted to be remarried. Isn’t that wonderful? How many kids have the privilege of witnessing their parents’ wedding ceremony! That’s the power of the gospel of Christ. It is able to mend broken lives and restore broken relationships!

My friend, knowing you are completely forgiven destroys the power of sin in your life. I know how this revelation has transformed my life just as it did the woman in today’s Scripture. She brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil into the house of Simon, a Pharisee, and anointed Jesus’ feet. And Jesus Himself said to Simon
that those who are forgiven much will love Him much. So
the more you realize that you have been forgiven much,
actually, of all your sins, the more you will love the Lord
Jesus. Receiving God’s forgiveness does not lead to a life
of sin, but a life of loving and glorifying the Lord Jesus.
What do you think the woman’s response would have
been after she had departed from Jesus? Would she have
desired to continue living a life of sin, or would she,
knowing that she has been forgiven much by God’s grace,
be strengthened to live a life that honored and glorified
Jesus?

Come on, folks! All of us, including the author of this
book, have been forgiven much. All of us have broken the
Ten Commandments many times over. If we have not done
so in action, we have done so in our hearts and minds. So
when you understand how much you have been forgiven,
because that is how much God loves you, you can’t help
but love Him much. This is the key to loving the Lord and
enjoying your relationship with Him.

Beloved, when you fail, come to Jesus with the
boldness and confidence that this woman had. Come and
pour out everything that is on your heart to Him. Don’t
worry, He won’t dump more guilt and condemnation on
you. He will remind you of the cross and say, “Your sins
are already forgiven. I have already paid the price for your
sins at Calvary. Rest in My forgiveness and love for you.”
Today’s Thought
The more I realize that I have been forgiven much—in fact, of all my sins—the more I will love the Lord Jesus.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that I can come running to You with boldness and confidence knowing that I am completely forgiven. You have destined me to have victory over every sin, addiction, and fear in life through Your wonderful grace. Thank You for showing me how much You love and have forgiven me, and how believing this is the key to having a loving and fruitful relationship with You. Today, I choose to rest in Your forgiveness and love for me. All praise and glory to You! Amen.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:10

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3–4

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and
conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13–14
DAY 35

The Secret to Godliness

Today’s Scripture

…add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

2 Peter 1:5–9

Have you been told you have to exhibit more Christian character, more self-control, more godliness, and more brotherly kindness? Like a thousand times, perhaps? I certainly was as a young believer. My friend, I totally agree that all these qualities are good and necessary, but the question is, how do we develop them?
How should we preachers help believers to exhibit more Christian character? When asked for the solution, most people would say, “Discipline! We need to focus more on the Ten Commandments and develop discipline, and then self-control, godliness, and brotherly kindness will come.” While all that sounds very good (to the flesh), that is not what the Word of God says in today’s Scripture. Read it again, focusing especially on the last sentence.

It is clear that if a Christian lacks the qualities mentioned in today’s Scripture, it is not because he lacks discipline, but because he “has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins”—the main clause of the new covenant. He has forgotten that the blood of Jesus has purchased for him the forgiveness of all his sins. Beloved, if you remind yourself daily that you have been cleansed from all your sins, not only will it produce a genuine love for the Lord (as we saw in yesterday’s reading), but you will also exhibit more and more Christ-like qualities. Your heart will overflow with faith, self-control, godliness, perseverance, brotherly kindness, and love.

Let me share with you a wonderful praise report from a precious couple who experienced this very truth in their marriage and family. Andy (the husband) had discovered the gospel of grace through one of my books. Prior to this, he was a believer who loved the Lord, his family, and the church he attended. But Andy always experienced a struggle within himself where he would go through cycles of feeling up and down. His wife, Danielle, who supported him through these cycles, described it this way: “One
month he’d be fine. The next two weeks, not so much. Life was like a roller-coaster ride...these ups and downs became so regular that I could almost tell when things were going good and when they were going to swing downward again.” Needless to say, this negatively affected those closest to him—his wife and daughters.

However, as Andy began to learn about God’s grace, he came to see how he could rest in Jesus’ finished work. He explained the changes this brought: “The revelation that I’ve been forgiven through Christ and made righteous in Him made me Son-conscious instead of sin-conscious. Now, when the accuser of the brethren tries to accuse me, the Spirit of truth convicts me of Jesus’ finished work! I still feel down at times of course, but I don’t sink to those depths as before and I’m not down as long as I used to be. I can’t explain it, but I’m so much more joyful now, and I’m just in love with Jesus all over again!”

You might like to hear how Danielle eloquently sums up how the revelation of Jesus’ forgiveness and grace has radically changed her husband:

I saw major changes in him! He’s become much calmer in handling frustrating situations. He showed this peace I’ve never seen him possess—a peace that surpasses all understanding and an unexplainable joy that the world cannot give. We’ve always had a good marriage, but now he treats me with so much more love and care and our marriage is even better! He also treats our girls better, showing much more patience with them. He
spends much more time with them now and I can also see him really enjoying the time he spends with them.

My husband’s life has changed so much! I’m not saying he never gets angry or upset anymore, but his emotions are much more stable. He handles the things that upset him so differently, and we are the happy beneficiaries! I’ve seen firsthand how this has come about simply through his receiving the love of Jesus, not trying to earn it, or feeling like he can lose it. Truly realizing that it’s only because of the finished work of Christ alone that he’s forgiven and righteous in God has made all the difference.

The secret behind every godly man and woman is their belief in the truth that they have been forgiven. Their godliness stems from a revelation of their forgiveness. They are believers who believe and honor God’s Word. When God says that He is merciful and that He has forgiven all their sins, they take Him at His Word. All day long, they are forgiveness-conscious. Even when they say the wrong thing, do the wrong thing, or have a wrong thought, they continue to be forgiveness-conscious. They see the blood of Jesus continually washing them. They see God in His mercy and grace. And because of their forgiveness-consciousness, they experience victory over sin.

I encourage you to pray today’s prayer right now and to meditate on the forgiveness and righteousness you have in Christ. This is the key to enjoying your relationship
with God and experiencing His love manifesting in and through you! Beloved, the more you are anchored in Jesus’ grace and finished work, the more you will reign in life through Him!

**Today’s Thought**

When I am forgiveness-conscious, my heart will overflow with self-control, godliness, perseverance, brotherly kindness, and love.

**Today’s Prayer**

Dear Father, thank You for showing me the importance of being forgiveness-conscious instead of sin-conscious. Thank You that today, because of Jesus’ blood, I have been forgiven of all my sins—past, present, and future. You are merciful to my unrighteousness and all my sins and lawless deeds You will by no means remember anymore. You see me as completely righteous, not because of what I have done, but because of what Jesus has done. I am greatly blessed, highly favored, and deeply loved by You. Amen.

“To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”
“I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.”

JEREMIAH 33:8
What about the Confession of Sins?

Today’s Scripture

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

_Ephesians 1:7_

When I was a young believer, I was taught that unless I confessed all my sins, I would not be completely forgiven by God. I was even told that if someone dies without having confessed all his sins, he would end up in hell. Well, that teaching put me in severe bondage. I really believed that I had to confess everything that I thought I had done wrong, including worries, fears, and doubts, because I knew that “whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom. 14:23 KJV). If you really believe that you need to confess all your sins to be completely forgiven by God, you will be confessing your sins all the time and
everywhere you go! I tried that and it was impossible! It nearly drove me insane!

But Pastor Prince, are you saying that we don't have to confess our sins? So what about 1 John 1:9, which states, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”?

Listen carefully: Christians have taken this single verse out of context and built a whole doctrine of confession of sins around it when actually, chapter 1 of 1 John was written to address the Gnostics and their heresies that had crept into the church. The Gnostics were unbelievers who maintained that they had no sin (1 John 1:8). So John was saying that if they would confess that they had sin, and hence see their need for the Savior, God would be faithful and just to cleanse them from all unrighteousness. Can you now see how this does not apply to the believer who has already acknowledged that he is a sinner and accepted Jesus? We are not to live from confession to confession, but from faith to faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work.

Also, our loving heavenly Father does not forgive us in installments depending on how diligently we confess our sins. Fellowship with Him is not broken because our forgiveness is not contingent on what we do. It is contingent on the finished work of Jesus. Now, this does not mean that we can’t be honest with God and acknowledge the wrong we have done. It’s a relationship, after all. But we don’t confess our sins _in order_ to be
forgiven. We confess our sins or speak openly to our gracious Father because we are already forgiven. I don’t go before Him begging for forgiveness. No, I talk to Him because I know that I already have His forgiveness, as today’s Scripture states. I know that I can come to Him freely—He is my God, my Daddy God. So confession in the new covenant is just being honest about your failures and humanity and having an intimate relationship with God. It is the result of being forgiven and not something you do in order to be forgiven, to maintain your salvation, and be ultimately saved.

If confession of sins is vital for our forgiveness, then the apostle Paul, who wrote two-thirds of the New Testament epistles, has done us a great injustice because he did not mention it even once in any of his letters to the churches. For example, when there were people in the Corinthian church living in sin that everyone in the church knew about, he did not say, “Go and confess your sins.” Instead, he reminded them of their righteousness, saying, “Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?” (1 Cor. 6:19). In spite of their sins, Paul still considered them temples of the Holy Spirit and he reminded them of this truth.

My friend, this is the assurance that you can have today: the day you acknowledged that you were a sinner and confessed Christ as your Lord and Savior, you “confessed all your sins” once and for all. And God was faithful and just to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. All the unrighteousness of your entire life was cleansed at
that point, and through the gift of righteousness in Christ Jesus you were set up to reign in life!

Today’s Thought
The moment I received Christ, all the unrighteousness of my entire life was cleansed at that point!

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You for the wonderful grace-filled day when You came into my heart and into my life. I believe that when I received You as my Lord and Savior, I “confessed all my sins” once and for all. Thank You for redeeming me with Your precious blood and for cleansing all my unrighteousness through Your perfect and final sacrifice. I believe that all my sins have been imputed to You and all Your righteousness has been imputed to me. I believe that as I keep receiving Your grace and gift of righteousness, You will cause me to triumph over every challenge and bondage in my life. Amen.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
ROMANS 10:10

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

ROMANS 4:7

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23
DAY 37

The Waterfall of Forgiveness

Today’s Scripture
But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:7

Let me tell you a story about a little boy who used to play in the woods just a short distance away from the dilapidated hut that he lived in. His parents were too poor to buy him any toys, so he had to make do with whatever he could find. One day, he chanced upon a stone that was unlike any he had ever seen. The polished surface of the stone glistened in his hands and winked at him each time he turned it around in the sunlight. It was his very own treasure and he loved it. The boy did not dare to bring it back to his home as there was nowhere in the hut he could hide it. He decided to dig a deep hole under some
bushes and hide his precious possession there.

The next day, the boy couldn’t wait to retrieve his stone and ran to its hiding place as soon as the sun arose. But when his fingers finally found the stone in its muddy hideaway, it was all mud-caked and dull, without any of the luster that he loved so much. The boy took the stone to the stream and carefully dipped it in, allowing the dirt to be washed away. Finally, it was clean again and the boy’s heart swelled with pride at his treasured find. But all too soon, the time came for the boy to head home and he had to return the stone to its hiding place.

Every day, the boy would rush to the spot where he had hidden the stone. And every day, he would find its shiny surface smeared with mud and he would trek to the river some distance away to wash it. This happened for a while before he decided to solve the problem permanently. That day, when it was almost time for him to head home, the little boy took his stone to a small waterfall and wedged it carefully between two rocks, right in the middle of the steady flow of the waterfall. That night, the stone experienced a continual washing. And that little boy never had to wash the stone again. Every time he retrieved it, it gleamed in his hands, completely cleansed.

Beloved, when you were born again, you became a living stone whom God placed right under the waterfall of His Son’s blood. And today’s Scripture shows us the effect of that continual cleansing of Jesus’ blood—it keeps us walking in the realm of light that His death has translated us into. If you were to dig deeper into the rich
treasures of God’s Word, you will find that in the Greek, the tense for the word cleanse in 1 John 1:7 denotes a present and continuous action, which means that from the moment you receive Christ, the blood of Jesus keeps on cleansing you.¹

This is why believers who have been translated from darkness by Jesus’ death are kept walking in the light even when they miss it and fail. As a believer, you are truly under a perpetual waterfall of His blood that keeps on cleansing you from all your sins. You know that negative thought that you had a few minutes ago? Well, that has been cleansed too! Every thought that is not right, every action that is not correct, is washed away! You are always kept clean and forgiven and always walking in His light because of the continuous cleansing of Jesus’ blood!

Beloved, believing that you need to confess your sins all the time to be right with God will only make you more sin-conscious. But knowing that you are constantly under Jesus’ waterfall of His cleansing blood will keep you forgiveness-conscious. And knowing that you are forgiven of all your sins will give you the power to reign over every destructive habit and live a life of victory!

Today’s Thought
I am always kept clean and forgiven because of the continuous cleansing of Jesus’ blood!
Today's Prayer

Father, thank You for the waterfall of Your total forgiveness and Your perfect love that is pouring down all over me because of Your Son’s finished work. Thank You that I can always walk with You in the light because You have translated me out of the realm of darkness into the realm of light. Even when I fail today, this waterfall of forgiveness keeps on cleansing me from all my sins. I want to keep growing in the revelation of Your forgiveness and grace. I believe that through Your grace alone, I will reign in this life over every sin, addiction, and failure. Amen.

And He [that same Jesus Himself] is the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for [the sins of] the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:2 AMP

I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.

1 JOHN 2:12
DAY 38

Enjoy the Benefits of the Holy Communion

Today’s Scripture

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:27–30

When I teach on the Holy Communion and how the wine speaks of Jesus’ blood that has washed away all our sins, I often get the question, “But Pastor Prince, aren’t we expected to confess all our sins before we partake so that we don’t do it in an unworthy manner and fall sick and die prematurely?”
That is a good question. Down through the years, the body of Christ has mistakenly believed that to partake of the Communion in an “unworthy manner,” as mentioned by Paul in today’s Scripture, is to partake with sin in your life. So we are told not to partake when we deem ourselves “not right with God,” and to go confess all our sins to God first and seek His forgiveness. Partaking without doing this would result in God’s judgment—weakness, sickness, and even early death. This has turned what was meant to be a blessing into a curse. When I received this erroneous teaching as a teenager, I would always let the Communion elements pass me by because I never felt worthy, and it was “better to be safe than sorry”!

I now know that this is not what the Bible teaches, and that I had been robbing myself of the blessings and benefits of Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. You see, to partake unworthily does not refer to you partaking as an unworthy person because of your sins. Come on, Jesus died for unworthy people! What Paul is referring to is the manner in which you partake. And to partake in an unworthy manner is to fail to discern that the bread you hold in your hands is the body of Jesus Christ that was scourged and broken for you, so that your body may be healed and whole. This was what was happening in the Corinthian church. The believers there were just eating the bread because they were hungry, or taking it as a ritual, without discerning what the Lord’s body was for and releasing their faith for wholeness.

Therefore, to partake in an unworthy manner is not
about you failing to examine yourself or having to confess all your sins to make sure that you are worthy to partake. It is not about the one partaking. It is about the act or manner in which one partakes. Partaking of the Communion is really about discerning the Lord’s body—releasing faith to see the bread as His body broken and striped for your healing and wholeness. It is also about seeing the wine as His blood that was shed for the forgiveness of all your sins. *Therein lies the secret to God’s divine health and wholeness.* While many are able to discern that the wine (His blood) is for our forgiveness, many fail to discern that the bread (His body) is for our healing. They fail to see how Jesus suffered in His body for their healing and wholeness. This is the reason “many are weak and sick... and many sleep.” Can you see how the Communion is not about looking at yourself, your sins, and what you need to do? My friend, it is all about looking to Jesus and seeing what He has accomplished on the cross to make you worthy to partake, and to give you health, wholeness, and forgiveness.

Sanika, who lives in India, did exactly that after she heard a loud cracking sound from her knee when she fell at home. In excruciating pain, she remembered the significance of partaking of the bread and wine from my teachings on the Holy Communion. So she got the elements, sat down, closed her eyes, and meditated on the power of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus. She saw them working on her knee. In just a few minutes, the unbearable pain left her knee and she told me how she
was even able to jump up and down during a praise and worship service the next day!

Remember, the Communion is not about examining yourself for sins committed and making yourself worthy to partake through confession. It is all about discerning the Lord’s body and blood! It is all about Jesus’ work and nothing about your works. Once you believe that all your sins are indeed forgiven and that Jesus has borne all your diseases and every other lack, faith will spring forth. Faith will be there for healing. Faith will be there for provision. Faith will be there for restoration in your marriage, family, and every area of life.

**Today’s Thought**

*Partaking of the Holy Communion is about discerning the Lord’s body and blood—seeing the bread as His body striped for my healing, and the wine as His blood shed for the forgiveness of all my sins.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for unveiling to me the secret of divine health and wholeness through the Holy Communion. Whenever I partake of the Communion, help me to discern the body of Jesus and release my faith to see the bread as His body striped for my healing. Help me to see the wine as His blood shed for the forgiveness of all my sins. I enter in and*
receive all the blessings and benefits of Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. Thank You, Father, for faith that is springing up even now for healing, provision, and restoration in my life. Amen.

“This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

JOHN 6:58

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

PSALM 23:5
Rightly Discern Jesus’ Body and Blood

Today’s Scripture

*When we bless the cup at the Lord’s Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ?*

1 Corinthians 10:16 NLT

Perhaps you are going through some challenges right now and you are wondering what difference the body and blood of Jesus can make in your life. In our church, we believe so strongly in the benefits of the Holy Communion that we partake of it every week. And by teaching the people to discern the Lord’s body, we have experienced one amazing healing miracle after another. And the beauty of it is that the benefits of the Holy Communion are for every believer, not just those who attend our services!

Take the example of Erin, who lives in Alaska. Erin
suffered for years from Willis-Ekbom disease or restless leg syndrome, a neurological disorder that affected her legs with muscle aches and throbbing sensations. Her legs ached so badly that she could not sit, stand, or even sleep comfortably. When the pain would move to her hips, it made something as simple as climbing the stairs a nightmare.

One day, a friend encouraged her to partake of the Holy Communion and recommended one of my teaching resources on the subject. Through the resource, Erin began to see and believe that this illness was not from God and that He wanted her well. She shared, “Hearing about how the Lord’s body was broken for my healing and how His blood was shed for my forgiveness released faith in me to expect God to heal me. As I began to partake of the Communion every day, I noticed gradual improvements and after a while, I was able to climb the stairs with the energy and ease I had in my youth. I was able to run and play with my kids as if I were a young mother again. I can feel in my body that I’m getting stronger as I partake of the Lord’s Supper and fix my eyes on Him. If not for the message of grace that is all about Jesus, I would still be in bondage and struggling. But now, I have been set free.”

Sandy in Zimbabwe reported that she began to suffer from intense, continuous migraines as a result of having gone through a traumatic emotional experience. Sometimes the migraines were intense and other times just a dull ache in the center of her head, but the pain was always there. The migraines continued for over two years
until she heard one of my messages on receiving healing through the Holy Communion. The next time she took the Holy Communion in her church, she asked the Lord to heal her and He did. She said, “Two days later, I woke up to discover that the awful headache was gone—not a trace of the pain remained. After five days of perplexity and awe, I finally acknowledged that it really wasn’t coming back and I have not had it since. Glory to God!”

My friend, the Holy Communion—the Lord’s body and blood—makes all the difference in your life because it points you to all that Jesus accomplished for you at the cross. The devil may bombard you with a thousand and one reasons why you don’t qualify to partake of the meal and receive God’s blessings, but always remember that Jesus’ sacrifice and shed blood have perfectly cleansed and qualified you to take the meal. I encourage you to partake boldly of the Lord’s Supper, believing that His finished work qualifies you twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for any miracle you need!

Today’s Thought

_Rightly discerning Jesus’ body and blood releases God’s healing and provision in every area of my life._

Today’s Prayer

_Thank You, Jesus, for showing me how to rightly discern Your body and blood as I partake of the Holy_
Communion. I thank You that Your body was broken so that mine can be healed and whole. I thank You that Your blood was shed for the forgiveness of my sins so that I can have intimacy with You and receive every one of Your blessings. I choose to live my life conscious of Your finished work that qualifies me for any and every miracle I need. Amen!

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”

LUKE 22:19–20

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony…

REVELATION 12:11
DAY 40

Freed from the Ministry of Condemnation

Today’s Scripture

But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7–9

My friend, I didn’t write this book to tell you what is wrong about you and to point out where you have fallen short. On the contrary, I wrote this book to declare to you what is right about you (in spite of all your weaknesses) because of Jesus Christ. This book is about the good news of Jesus Christ. And here is the message
of hope I want you to get deep on the inside of you: He did not come to condemn you. He came to take your condemnation upon Himself so that you will never be condemned by God.

Beloved, Jesus died on the cross for you. His blood was shed for your forgiveness. You are freed from the ministry of condemnation and death that today’s Scripture speaks of, because Jesus has already been condemned, judged, and punished for your sins. Because of His finished work, you are under the more glorious ministry of righteousness that brings life to all your circumstances. The cross of Jesus has forever freed you to live a life of liberty and perpetual acceptance before God, where you can boldly expect to see His goodness manifest in your life.

I want you to read the personal testimony of Tyson, a precious brother from Canada. This is his story:

_Pastor Prince, I am reading Destined To Reign for the third time in my journey to get the truth of God’s grace deep into my spirit._

_The first time this book was introduced to me, I was $166,000 dollars in debt, my business was failing, and my middle child was in rebellion and doing drugs. Things were not going well. As I read the book for the first time, the Lord showed me the condemnation I’d been carrying over past mistakes and bad decisions I’d made. He showed me how the enemy was using that to accuse me every time I failed. Well, that was dealt with and I was_
wonderfully set free. What a liberating and refreshing feeling not to have that hang over me anymore.

During my second reading of the book, God supernaturally moved through my circumstances and within seven months, I was completely debt-free. I cannot even begin to describe the feeling. It is truly amazing.

Now, I am walking every day free from condemnation and guilt and enjoying my gift of righteousness. My prayer life has definitely changed to be more powerful and authoritative.

Well, guess what has recently happened? My daughter experienced a 180-degree turnaround. She is now burning hot for the Lord, connected to a local church, reading the Bible, praying, and worshiping God again with her guitar. In fact, I had the pleasure of worshiping the Lord with her the other day and the Lord's presence was very strong. All I can say is, “Wow!”

I have also been offered an amazing job that is supplying more than enough income so we are now in a position of being a blessing to others in need. I am fighting back the tears of gratitude as I am writing this praise report. What an amazing God we serve. The gospel is definitely good news!

Beloved, because you are a believer, Jesus Christ has already delivered you from the covenant of law that condemns and kills. You are no longer under Moses’ ministry of condemnation and death, but under Jesus’ ministry of righteousness that brings life and exceeds
much more in glory. Because you have put your trust in Jesus Christ and His finished work, you are under this life-giving ministry that is of His Spirit. And you will, as Tyson did, see God’s abundant life flooding every dry and barren area of your life!

**Today’s Thought**

*I am no longer under the ministry of condemnation and death, but under Jesus’ more glorious ministry of righteousness that brings me life through His Spirit!*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I thank You that because of Jesus, I am no longer under the ministry of condemnation and death, but under the more glorious ministry of righteousness that brings me life. And because Jesus was condemned for my sins, You will never condemn me for my sins. Thank You for Your amazing grace in my life. Your grace gives me the power to overcome every sin, fear, addiction, and every feeling of guilt and condemnation. I believe that the more I sit under the new covenant ministry of righteousness, the more I will experience Your protection, provision, healing, and peace. Amen.*

*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those*
who are in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8:1 NASB
DAY 41

Free to Partake of Abundant Life

Today’s Scripture

“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion…Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered…”

ZECHARIAH 13:7

In the book of Genesis, there are two trees in the Garden of Eden that you need to be familiar with. One is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and in tomorrow’s reading I will focus on why Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat from it. Today, I want you to consider the other tree, the tree of life, of which God wanted them to partake, because it is a picture of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Whoever partakes of this tree will have eternal life. This is why when Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden tree and sinned, they could no longer partake of the tree of life because the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). As a
result, God had to drive them out of the garden and place cherubim and a “flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life” (Gen. 3:24).

What is the significance of all of this, in particular, the flaming sword? There is a principle in Bible interpretation known as the “law of first mention” that tells us that every time a word is mentioned for the first time in the Bible, the meaning of the word in that instance has special significance for how we are to understand that word throughout the Bible. In this instance, it is the first time the word sword is mentioned in the Bible. In the context of this verse, we see the sword here as God’s judgment. It is a restless sword turning every way so that there is no way sinful man, having disobeyed God, can ever return to Him.

Now, read today’s Scripture, which has the last mention of the word “sword” in the Old Testament. The Shepherd mentioned in the verse refers to Jesus, our good Shepherd, and how all His disciples fled when He was struck on the cross. It shows us that the restless sword of judgment, which for so many generations had barred sinful men from a holy God, was finally sheathed in the bosom of our Lord Jesus. The full judgment and vengeance of God for all our sins came upon Him on the cross. Jesus was smitten on the cross for our sins.

By sacrificing Himself and absorbing the full brunt of the judgment that was meant for you and me, Jesus stopped the sword of judgment that prevents us from partaking of the tree of life. He sacrificed His own body to open the way to the tree of life. God will never condemn us
because His only begotten Son has already been condemned on our behalf. The cross at Calvary has become the tree of life for us in the new covenant. We can freely partake of His righteousness and live each day without guilt, condemnation, and shame. Hallelujah!

What does this mean, my friend? This means that there is no more judgment for you when God looks at you. Jesus has redeemed you from the ministry of death. Enjoy what He has purchased for you today and partake of the finished work of Jesus, our tree of life. Today, you have a right to partake of every iota of the abundant life Jesus came to give you (John 10:10). Start receiving the abundance of His unmerited favor. Start receiving the free gift of His righteousness. Start receiving the cleansing power of His forgiveness. Allow His resurrection life to drive out every symptom of death and decay in your circumstances and enjoy divine wholeness at a whole new level!

Today’s Thought

*The cross at Calvary has become the tree of life for me today. I can freely partake of Jesus’ righteousness and live each day without guilt, condemnation, and shame.*

Today’s Prayer

*Father, thank You that Jesus stopped the sword of*
judgment and sacrificed His own body to open the way for me to partake of the tree of life. Thank You that I can freely partake of His righteousness and live each day without guilt, condemnation, and shame. I believe that You have nothing but life for me, and life more abundantly, and I receive Your unmerited favor, Your righteousness, and the cleansing power of Your forgiveness. Resurrection life is mine! All praise and glory to You! Amen.

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Romans 8:34**

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Romans 8:10–11**

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

**John 10:10 AMP**
God Wants a Relationship with You

Today’s Scripture

“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Matthew 15:8–9

I hope that from yesterday’s reading you gained an understanding of how Jesus’ finished work gives us free access to the tree of life—a picture of Jesus, His saving power, and His abundant and resurrection life today. In the Garden, however, there was also the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from which Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat. Have you noticed that this tree was not just called the tree of the knowledge of evil? It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This is because the tree is a picture of God’s law or the Ten Commandments. The
law is the knowledge of good and evil. God did not want man to partake of the law. He wanted man to partake of the tree of life, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who alone gives eternal life.

So what is wrong with knowing good and evil, or knowing the law? The danger is this: you can know the law inside out, and yet be miles and miles away from God. Under the law, what you will have is rules and regulations, not a relationship with God. But God is after a relationship with us, one that is completely dependent on His goodness and His goodness alone, on Jesus and Jesus alone. When man partakes of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he becomes dependent on his self-efforts to do good and keep away from evil. And when man is depending on his own efforts, he is bound to fail. However, when he partakes of the tree of life—he puts his faith in Jesus and His grace alone—he will enjoy intimacy with God and be empowered to reign in life.

I trust that this letter I received from Jerod in California will help you see the difference between living under legalism and having a relationship with God. Jerod shared:

**Pastor Prince, I was a Christian for twenty years, served as an elder in church, participated in all kinds of ministry activities, and was taught a mixture of law and grace. I felt I could never seem to please God, and that led to much guilt, shame, frustration, anger, and even times when I wanted to take my own life.**

**Then, within a year, I lost a fortune in stock options as**
well as my job, home, car, and everything I owned. I also lost my father to cancer and when my marriage failed, I was shunned in church.

I could not find a loving God in the church, so I sought Him elsewhere. I was so desperate to find the “true” God, not the one my church had taught me—a God of anger, judgment, and capriciousness, who required me to lead a life that I was incapable of leading—that I didn’t care whether the source was the occult, other religions, or other spiritual exercises.

The only thing I missed about church was worship, which prompted me to visit many churches. Then, in a church bookstore, I saw your book, Destined To Reign. After having suffered so much financial hardship for so long and having tried every book, scheme, and business opportunity out there, I hoped your book would show me how to get God to act on my behalf.

Your book was a much-needed blessing because it revealed the real Jesus and His beautiful Father—My Father, who loved me even when I messed up and who forgives me for every mistake and sin. I finally understood what Jesus meant when He said, “Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.” No more guilt and shame. No more trying to please God by walking the tightrope of a sinless life. Jesus did it all so that I could walk in rest, not strive to win God’s love.

I was amazed to find sin lose its power over me. It is just not that appealing anymore. The more I see Jesus, the less I want the other things. I’m counting on God’s
grace each day that my children will now embrace this truth. I had taught them a mixture of law and grace for so long, and now I want to leave them with this incorruptible inheritance of grace alone.

My friend, don’t get sucked into legalism and be miles and miles away from God, never knowing His heart of love for you. God is not a legalist. He is your Father. Do not stay trapped on a never-ending religious treadmill based on your own efforts to try to earn His forgiveness, approval, and acceptance. Discover through the good news of Jesus Christ how much He loves you and wants you to enjoy His grace for every need. When you discover and are established in His grace, everything you do will be birthed out of an inward motivation that flows directly from a love relationship with Jesus, not religious obligation.

**Today’s Thought**

*God is my Father. He is after a relationship with me, one that is completely dependent on His goodness and grace alone.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for helping me to get off the never-ending treadmill of legalism that is based on my own efforts to try to earn Your forgiveness, approval, and acceptance. Thank You for calling me into a personal*
and intimate relationship with You. I want to respond to You out of a love relationship with You. I believe that my relationship with You is completely dependent on Your goodness and grace alone. Amen.

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 JOHN 3:1

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.’”

LUKE 15:31
Most of us are aware that stress is the cause of many sicknesses and diseases. Experts have also identified fear as the cause of stress. But do you know that the deepest and most insidious root of many of our problems exists in the spiritual realm, and that it can only be destroyed by the power of Jesus’ finished work?

My friend, the deepest root of many of the troubles that afflict us is condemnation. It all began in the Garden of Eden when the first man, Adam, sinned, incurring a guilty conscience and condemnation. Your conscience is that
which is within you that knows good and evil, and it knows that when there is sin, there must be punishment for it. The Bible calls a conscience that is perpetually conscious of sin, failure, and condemnation an “evil conscience,” which, without the blood of Jesus, there is no escape from. Unfortunately, many believers unknowingly carry with them an evil conscience that robs them of intimacy with God, and it is this constant sense of condemnation that is at the root of many of their afflictions.

You see, Satan, whose name in Hebrew literally means “the accuser,”¹ is a prosecutor at law and an expert at condemning you. He is always pointing out your faults and shortcomings. That is why the Bible calls him “the accuser of our brethren” (Rev. 12:10). Even when you do something right, the accuser will say, “It’s not good enough.” Like the constant sound of dripping water, he will keep on accusing and spewing condemnation toward you. His crowning achievement is to bring about accusations in your life that you think are from God.

Many a time, believers under condemnation think that it is the Holy Spirit convicting them of their sins and pointing out their faults. They begin to entertain negative thoughts about themselves. They begin to believe that they ought to have negative feelings about themselves because of all their sins and unworthiness. Hence, the devil’s objective is to bring about condemnation in your life, concealing it in a fog of deception, so that you would be the last person to think that you are under condemnation.
The world has no solution for the enemy’s tactics, but as believers, we do. We have the power of the finished work of Jesus. His blood was shed and He was condemned on our behalf, so that we will never need to live in condemnation. By the grace of God, we can have a good conscience that is sprinkled with the blood of Jesus, and instead of being sin-conscious, we can be forgiveness-conscious.

The Word of God says that “worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins” (Heb. 10:2). Today, we can always be conscious of our righteousness in Christ Jesus, even when we fail, and draw near to God with a “true heart in full assurance of faith” that God is not angry with us. Beloved, because of Jesus Christ and the power of His finished work, you can reject any accusation, guilt, and condemnation thrown at you by the devil and by your own heart!

Today, when you approach the Father, when you look to Him to meet your needs, be conscious that your heart has been sprinkled clean from an evil conscience with the blood of Jesus. That is amazing grace—you can have forgiveness-consciousness and draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith!

**Today’s Thought**

*By the grace of God, my conscience is sprinkled clean with the blood of Jesus, and I can draw near to*
God today with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

**Today’s Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I refuse to live under guilt and condemnation anymore because You have paid the price for my heart to be anchored in permanent peace. Right now, I release all of my negative thoughts about myself and feelings of unworthiness into Your loving hands. Help me to be conscious of Your blood that has cleansed and purified my conscience. I believe that I can draw near to You with a true heart in full assurance of faith that knows You are always for me. Amen!

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

**HEBREWS 10:2**

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 nlt**
DAY 44

The Holy Spirit Convicts Believers of Righteousness

Today’s Scripture

“And when He [the Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

JOHN 16:8–11

Are you among the many believers who wonder how to differentiate between the enemy’s condemnation and the Holy Spirit “convicting them of sin”? That is a question that confuses a lot of believers, and the answer is really simple.

Now, pay attention to today’s Scripture because it will
liberate you. The bottom line is that the Holy Spirit never convicts a believer of his sins. He never comes to point out your faults. I challenge you to find a Scripture in the Bible that tells you the Holy Spirit has come to convict believers of their sins. You won’t find any! The body of Christ is living in defeat because many believers don’t understand that the Holy Spirit is actually in them to convict them of their righteousness in Christ. Even when you fail, He is ever present in you to remind you that the blood of Jesus has made you totally forgiven and eternally righteous. That’s the Holy Spirit.

Remember, it is important to always read Bible verses in their context. Many people end up misinterpreting Bible verses because they fail to do this. One way to read Bible verses in their context (and this is a key Bible interpretation principle) is to identify who the verses are talking about. So was Jesus talking about believers or unbelievers in John 16:8–11?

When Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would come to “convict the world of sin” because they do not believe in Him, it is clear that He was referring to unbelievers because they are of “the world.” And notice that the Holy Spirit does not convict the world of “sins” (plural). It is only one “sin” (singular) that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of, and that is the sin of unbelief, the sin of rejecting Jesus and not believing in His finished work.

But when people take John 16:8 out of its proper context, they start to believe erroneously that the Holy Spirit is here to convict believers of their sins. Jesus says
that the Holy Spirit convicts you “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more.” Clearly, with the use of the second person pronoun “you,” Jesus was referring to His believers to whom He was talking. This tells us that the Holy Spirit was sent to convict believers of righteousness, not sin!

Now, are you made righteous by your works or by faith in Jesus? By now, you should know that you are made righteous by faith, for righteousness is not right doing, but right standing before God because of your right believing! So when you miss it, the Holy Spirit comes to convict and remind you that you are the righteousness of God because of Jesus Christ. He is present to remind you of the main clause of the new covenant—that God will be merciful to your unrighteousness, and your sins and your lawless deeds, He will remember no more (Heb. 8:12).

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is your Helper (John 14:16). He was sent to live in you to help you, not to nag at you and point out all your faults. Nobody can live with a nag. The Holy Spirit is not a nag. No, He was sent to help you by convicting you of your everlasting righteousness in Christ. God’s inexhaustible grace in your life and the power of the cross can only be understood by the revelation the Spirit brings.

Right now, you need Him to show you that even if you have just failed, you are still the righteousness of God in Christ. This is why the Holy Spirit is called the “Comforter” (John 14:26 KJV). He is here to comfort you and to point you back to the cross of Jesus every time you fail. The
only thing that He will convict you of is your righteousness in Jesus Christ!

**Today’s Thought**

The Holy Spirit is my Helper. He has come to reveal and to convict me that I am the righteousness of God because of Jesus Christ.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to give me a revelation of Your inexhaustible grace in my life and the power of the cross. I welcome Your Spirit to always keep reminding me and convicting me of my everlasting righteousness because of Jesus. I believe that even when I fail, I am continuously cleansed by the blood of Jesus and stand before you completely clothed in Your robe of righteousness because of Jesus. Amen!

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

JOHN 14:26 KJV
...to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

ROMANS 3:26–28
DAY 45

Are You Fully Awake?

Today’s Scripture
Awake to righteousness, and sin not…
1 Corinthians 15:34 KJV

Perhaps you find yourself under a constant siege of condemnation because you have been wrongly taught that the Holy Spirit convicts believers of their sins. You believe that the condemnation you feel is a result of the Holy Spirit’s conviction when it actually originates from the accuser. Rather than the Holy Spirit being your Helper, convicting you that you are the righteousness of God in Christ, that God will never abandon you even if you have sinned, you are left to struggle with sin, condemnation, and fear. It is time to “awake to righteousness.” As Pamela in Maryland discovered, when you do, oppression, bondage, and sin cannot maintain their hold in your life. Here is Pamela’s testimony:

    Dear Pastor Prince, at fifty-nine years of age, I was
recovering from multiple fractures in my right ankle and fibula. In the first month, my mobility was severely limited and my physical condition weakened. During that season of stress, I was oppressed and tormented by strong feelings of fear of abandonment and rejection, experiencing panic attacks almost daily. I was plagued by nightmares and became unable to sleep—due in part to pain medication, but also to the extreme anxiety. Some nights, all I could do was read the Bible until I was exhausted and finally able to sleep.

One day, I came across your television program and was “hooked.” Every day and evening, I watched your program, soaking up the words of life that you were speaking to my soul. I soon ordered one of your books. For the first time in my life, I heard that it was not the Holy Spirit convicting me of sin, but my conscience. As I read through the book, it was like water to my soul. I read it through three times, each time getting more freedom and peace.

Now, at the age of sixty, I am healthier, happier, and freer than I have ever been in my life. I have been delivered from the stronghold of the fear of abandonment, neglect, and rejection that had oppressed me for most of my life. I have been able to forgive those who physically, emotionally, and sexually abused me, and to repent of my disrespect, self-hatred, bitterness, and resentment.

Today, I am confident that my heavenly Papa loves me, not because of anything I have or have not done, but because of what Jesus did for me. I am continuing to
learn that I am completely accepted and righteous in His beloved Son, Jesus, who is altogether lovely, trustworthy, and gracious. Now, I spend my days loving Him and being loved by Him, and I am better able to bless and serve others. Thank you!

Beloved, if you are struggling with condemnation, fear, and sin, the power to overcome is found in knowing that you are the righteousness of God in Christ. When the Bible says, “Awake to righteousness, and sin not,” it means that the more you realize that you are indeed righteous in Christ, and that you are righteous apart from your works, the more you will be empowered to live righteously. Let the truth sink in and be set free by the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is your Helper, given by God to convict you of righteousness. You are the righteousness of God in Christ!

Today’s Thought

The more I awake to the fact that I am the righteousness of God in Christ, and that I am righteous apart from my works, the more I am empowered to live a life that brings glory to God.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You that Your Word clearly calls me to awake to my righteousness in Christ. I ask that Your Holy Spirit would open my eyes to see everything
Jesus has done for me at the cross and to be quick to believe Your Word. As I keep hearing about His grace and finished work, I believe that You will empower me to live a life that glorifies You and to be transformed beyond my wildest imagination. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

ROMANS 4:5

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the LORD comes to the rescue each time.

PSALM 34:19 NLT

“…the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings…”

MALACHI 4:2
Most of us think that if we could just change our circumstances, we could have the lives we want. However, today’s Scripture shows us that that is not what Jesus said. Do you see from His words that your life today is a reflection of what has been hidden and carried in your heart all this time? If you don’t want your life to remain the same, the solution is not in changing your circumstances. It is in changing your heart, changing what you believe. My friend, for every area of weakness, failure, or defeat that you may be experiencing right now, I assure you that there is some wrong believing in that area. Search the
Scriptures for the truth. Your answer lies in right believing.

Now, commit this to memory: right believing always leads to right living! Say it out loud for this is a powerful revelation you cannot afford to miss.

Let me share with you a powerful testimony of a precious brother in my church who struggled with a smoking habit. He had been smoking for many years and went through at least one pack of cigarettes a day. Besides feeling lousy every time he smoked, he felt condemned and constantly heard the voice of the accuser bombarding him with accusations: How can you call yourself a Christian? Look at you—you are still a smoker! Give up, you hypocrite! You are not worthy to be a Christian.

The more he heard the accusations, the more he smoked. Though he tried to muster all his willpower to overcome this destructive habit, he just could not do it. He knew that his body was a temple of God, and he sincerely wanted to glorify the Lord, but there was no power to do so.

Then, he heard me preach on how the Holy Spirit is present in him to convict him of righteousness, and how the more he believed that he was righteous because of Jesus Christ, the more his behavior would line up with what he believed. So he began to confess this daily: “I am the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ,” even when he succumbed to the temptation and lit up. Every day, he would wake up, stare at himself in the mirror, and say, “I see a righteous man standing in front of me.”
This brother really believed that he was righteous, not because of what he did, but because of what Jesus has done. And the more he believed that he was the righteousness of God in Christ, the more his nicotine addiction faded. He began to have a supernatural strength to cut down his daily tobacco intake within a short span of time. He began to replace the voice of the accuser that called him a hypocrite with the voice of the Holy Spirit that declared, “You are righteous in God’s eyes. God sees you as righteous as Jesus Christ today.” The voice of the Holy Spirit became louder and louder until he finally heard only His voice, and one day he woke up and realized that the desire for cigarettes was no longer there! Hallelujah!

Can you see? **Deliverance from destructive habits comes simply by believing the voice of the Holy Spirit and seeing yourself as the righteousness of God in Christ every day.** Just being faithful in believing and confessing, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ,” will cause a power to be released in your life that overcomes the bondage to cigarettes, pornography, alcohol, drugs, or gambling. Today is the day that the Lord will set you free from every lie, guilt, and condemnation that the accuser has been bombarding you with.

Please pray today’s prayer with me right now. Let’s silence the voice of the accuser and allow Jesus to set you free to reign, my friend!
Today’s Thought
Deliverance from destructive habits comes simply by believing the voice of the Holy Spirit and seeing myself as the righteousness of God in Christ every day.

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, I thank You for the cross. I thank You that when You died for me, Your blood cleansed me from all my unrighteousness and the sins of my entire life. You are my Lord and Savior. I give You all my addictions today. I am sick and tired of being defeated and condemned by the accuser. Today, I confess that because of Your blood, I am right now the righteousness of God. By the supernatural strength and power of the Holy Spirit who is present to convict me of my righteousness, I will be reminded every day that I am the righteousness of God through You. Amen!

... Those who are righteous will be long remembered. They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them. They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly.

Psalm 112:6–8 NLT

...he saved us, not because of righteous things we
had done, but because of his mercy…

*Titus 3:5 NIV*

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.

*Psalm 92:12–14 NIV*
I don’t know about you, but when I read the Bible, I feel encouraged that the apostle Paul—the trailblazing apostle of grace that he was—faced the same struggles with the flesh and with condemnation that you and I face today. Who among us cannot totally identify with his frustrated cry of “…the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice… O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Rom. 7:19, 24). When Paul was struggling under the law, he was condemned again and again (you can
read Paul’s account of his struggle in Romans 7).

But thank God, Paul does not stop there. He goes on to show us in today’s Scripture that we can counter the accuser’s attacks because there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! That is it, my friend—even when there is sin, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, period. There are no conditions and no prerequisites. Jesus has already been condemned for all our sins. It’s all about His finished work and none of man’s efforts. He Himself is the answer to Paul’s cry for help. Hallelujah!

When the accuser comes to condemn you for all your faults, declare yourself righteous because of what Jesus has done and because His blood cleanses you continually. Remind yourself that the Holy Spirit was sent to convict you of your righteousness apart from works. The declaration is true every moment, every day. It is true in the morning. It is true in the night. And when tomorrow comes, it is still true. There is presently, continuously, no condemnation for you because you are in Christ!

Here’s how liberating God’s grace is. A brother named Jeff wrote and told me of how he had been severely depressed for almost ten months, and became so introspective and self-conscious that he had anxiety attacks. He focused on his actions and failures and allowed his condemning thoughts to define his identity and sense of worth. Hungry and desperate for answers from the Lord, he read the Bible and many books on theology, listened to sermons by various preachers, and researched
Bible topics online. Yet, when he tried to apply all this knowledge to his life, none of it worked. He still felt depressed, defeated, and worthless.

Then, he discovered the gospel of grace through one of my books, and this is what he experienced:

Pastor Prince, the huge burden of trying to live up to the law for almost a decade, and which led to my depression, was finally lifted! I was already a Christian, but I was only set free after I discovered the true meaning of grace and being saved. It was such a simple shift in perspective that I can't believe I didn't know this before! It's not our ability to obey in our thoughts, but it's Christ's obedience.

Because I now know that I'm righteous in Christ and that God no longer condemns me because of Jesus, I have no more fears as my focus is now on Him and not me! I am now even more confident and joyful than I was before the depression had even started!

Beloved, what will give you the boldness to go to God is the knowledge that today, He is ever gracious and He sees you completely righteous. What will cause you to go boldly before His throne of grace is the knowledge that He will never condemn you because you are in Jesus Christ! Praise be to God, there is therefore now—presently and continuously—no condemnation for those who are in Christ. This is the Word of God for you today!
Today’s Thought
There is presently, continuously, no condemnation for me because I am in Christ!

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that Jesus took all my condemnation at the cross so that I can freely receive Your gift of no condemnation and undeserved favor, and be empowered to sin no more. You are so worthy of my worship, and Your salvation is so much greater and more wonderful than what I can ever imagine. I believe that no matter what happens, no matter what I’ve done, You do not condemn me because I am in Christ Jesus. I thank You that because I am righteous in Your sight through Christ, You always hear me when I pray. Amen.

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

JOHN 3:18

…I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.
Philippians 3:9 NLT
Unveiling the Father’s Heart of Grace

Today’s Scripture

“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.”

LUKE 15:20–24

Do you want to see how your heavenly Father responds when you have failed? Then I encourage you to read the
The entire parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11–32. Better yet, if you are feeling stressed and worried about something, take time to pull away from life’s hustle and bustle and simply meditate on Jesus’ words in this story and let His message to you soak in.

When Jesus shared the story of the prodigal son, all the Jewish people who heard Him would have been familiar with the condemnation and punishment (death by stoning) that the law specified for a stubborn, rebellious son (see Deut. 21:18–21). However, instead of the law they were familiar with, Jesus revealed the Father’s heart of grace and forgiveness in the new covenant. Hallelujah!

Did the son sin against his father? Yes, most definitely. But did the father heap guilt and condemnation on his son before he received his son? No, he did not. Did it matter to the father that his son’s intention for returning home was simply because he was hungry? No, it did not. When the prodigal son “was still a great way off,” his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his son’s neck and kissed him. What a wonderful picture of God’s heart of love!

This is an eyewitness account of what God the Father is like from Jesus Himself! See how He described God’s response to those who have sinned. How is it that the father saw his son even when he was still a great way off? That’s because the father had been waiting and longing for his son to return. He must have kept his eyes on the horizon daily, hoping that each day would be the day his beloved son returned home.
Beloved, can you see God’s heart of love for you even when you have failed Him? You just have to take one step toward God and your loving Daddy in heaven will run toward you with no condemnation. He wants to embrace you, kiss you, and lavish you with His love and blessings! He is waiting to clothe you with the robe of righteousness, put the signet ring of authority back in your hands, and shod your feet with the sandals of right standing. He wants to reinstate you, wash you, and throw a party because you came home!

Our God is a God who will run toward you with no condemnation! You can come boldly to God today and experience the intimate love of your heavenly Father in a deep and personal way as never before. I pray that this experience will heal, renew, restore, and transform you in a spectacular way because His love for you is nothing less than spectacular!

Today’s Thought

I can come boldly to God, my loving Daddy in heaven, and He will embrace me with no condemnation.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You for how Jesus unveiled Your immense love and heart of compassion and forgiveness for me. Open my eyes to see that no matter how many mistakes I may have made, I don’t
have to be afraid to come to You. I am now and always Your beloved child, and I always have fellowship with You because of the finished work of Jesus. It blesses my heart to know that You are always waiting to embrace me, protect me, and provide for me because You are my loving Abba Father. Amen.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Galatians 4:6

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39 NLT
Day 49

See God as Your Loving Father

Today’s Scripture

“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:18

Perhaps as you read yesterday’s recounting of the parable of the prodigal son, you struggled in relating to God as your Father. I often see this struggle in people who never experienced the love of their earthly fathers. Their fathers were never around for them, or hurt them terribly. I was reminded of this when Lena, a lady from Washington, wrote to me after her husband, who had pastored a church for twenty years with her, walked out on the family and away from the ministry.

For years she prayed for God’s healing and restoration of the family, but after the divorce and her ex-husband’s subsequent death, her oldest son, Jay, went through a
real crisis of faith. He told his mom that though he loved God, he hated the church. He also took to a lifestyle that revolved around women, booze, and drugs. It was clear that he was extremely wounded, and those vices were his way of medicating the pain and managing the struggle he had about his dad.

Then one day, Lena received her monthly gift from my ministry via a Christian television network that she supports. This was her reaction:

I thought, “Great…another book to read,” and tossed it on the table. Just then, the Lord spoke to me and told me to give Jay the book. I thought, “Are You crazy, Lord? He hates reading!” But I heard the Lord say again, “Give him the book to read!”

Although I was sure that he would never read the book, I knocked on his bedroom door, went in, and said, “Jay, this book came today and I was wondering if you want to read it. It is simple to read and I heard it’s a good book.” He took off his headphones, gave me a disgusted look, and said, “Sure.” He then took the book, tossed it on the bed, and went back to his video game. I walked out and said to the Lord, “He is not going to read it, but there, I gave it to him.”

Two days later, I took the mail in to Jay and he was lying on the bed reading the book. I almost passed out! A couple of days later, he was still reading. I could not believe it!

After a few days, Jay came into the living room and
said to me, “Mom, I thought that God was not healing my back because I don't live right, but God is going to heal me because He loves me!” And he told me he wanted to give the book to his friends, so I agreed to buy him six more to give away and one for myself.

What an answer to my prayer! I know God has started a work in Jay’s heart, and I’m expecting Him to continue this work and do the same for my other children! It’s time for the prodigals to come home and the hearts of the fathers to turn to their children! God is so awesome!

Let’s cast aside our legalistic and distorted ideas about God we may have received from our own fathers. Take that one step toward your Daddy God even when you have failed and experience His embrace. He loves you and accepts you just as you are. He has no condemnation for you, but all the power to help you when you fail and feel defeated.

**Today’s Thought**

My Father in heaven has no condemnation for me, but all the love and power to help me when I fail and feel defeated.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You for making me and calling me Your child. Change any wrong beliefs I have about You that
have kept me in fear, guilt, and insecurity. Fill my heart every day with Your love. Thank You that You never demand perfection from me and that I can experience Your love even when I have failed. I believe that in Your love, I will find the joy, confidence, fulfillment, and freedom my heart longs for. Amen.

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!…

1 JOHN 3:1 NLT

…“The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, who shelters him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders.”

DEUTERONOMY 33:12
DAY 50

Kill Condemnation at the Root

Today’s Scripture
“…for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.”
MATTHEW 26:28 NLT

There was a time when I did not know what the main function of Jesus’ blood was or why it provided protection. I just covered everything with the blood of Jesus because I knew His blood protects us from the schemes of the devil. But the main reason His blood was shed was for the forgiveness of all our sins. It’s imperative that you understand this because it will give you the confidence to come before the throne of God boldly and see Him as a loving Father.

My friend, “the accuser” will come at various times to make you feel guilty. He will prosecute you for every one
of your failures and make you feel unworthy to enter God’s presence. He will bring back every piece of dirty laundry, show you evidence after evidence of your failures, and condemn you for being a hypocrite. While you are trying to deal with stress and fear, the devil goes straight for the deepest root by using the law to heap guilt and condemnation on you. He knows that when you are under condemnation, fear, stress, and all kinds of sicknesses will follow, so he goes straight for the jugular.

What should you do then? You should kill condemnation at its very root and eradicate it from your life. No matter what the devil condemns you of, the truth is that the blood of Jesus has been shed for the forgiveness of all your sins. There is not a sin, not one iota of guilt or condemnation that the devil can throw at you today, that Jesus’ blood has not completely removed.

Iris, who lives in South Africa, has a testimony to share that demonstrates the liberating power of God’s gift of no condemnation. Growing up with alcoholic parents, Iris had suffered sexual and physical abuse at the hands of her father and became an alcoholic herself at age thirteen after her mother was killed in a car accident. Shortly after she was put in a children’s home at age fifteen, she started taking drugs and leading a promiscuous lifestyle. Later in life, she got married and had three children, but her marriage failed, ultimately leading her into a downward spiral of depression and ill health. By that time, she had been born again but still had no knowledge of the love and grace of God. Only when the
Lord showed her what her root problem was did real healing begin to take place:

_In church, I went through months of “healing” for my brokenness and yet I couldn’t get out of the ditch I was in. Then one day, sometime in 2011, I tuned in to your television broadcast on Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) and heard your message about how condemnation is the root of our problems. I listened really carefully and realized that what you said was true. Every problem in my life went back to condemnation. And when I understood that and received the gift of no condemnation from the Lord, I felt, for the first time, so FREE! From then on, I have been watching your program every night. I am so much better physically, mentally, and spiritually. What years and years of being in church could not do for me, my Daddy God did in a short time by having me watch you on TBN and by my reading your daily devotionals. I can truly say every day is a blessing to me now because of the freedom I am experiencing in so many areas, and I just want to live life giving praise to my Daddy God every day for His words of life and grace that have healed my body, my heart, and my mind. My prayer is that He will give me the same anointing that is on you to impart His love, His favor, and His grace to others._

What a wonderful testimony! My friend, receiving your freedom and breakthrough does not depend on how littered your past is with painful experiences or the
mistakes you have made. Like Iris, when you receive Jesus’ grace, love, and life, you can receive the liberty and future you want to see. When you eradicate condemnation from your life, you begin to step into your freedom, healing, and breakthrough.

Beloved, for every failure in thought, word, or deed the enemy brings to your mind, receive this afresh today: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Receiving this truth and being conscious of it every day will cause you to reign over any sin, addiction, depression, or challenge that is holding you captive. When Jesus died on the cross, all your failures were already condemned in His body. Today, you are free to live a victorious life not because of your obedience to the law, but because of your obedience of faith in Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

Today’s Thought

There is not a sin, not one iota of guilt or condemnation that the devil can throw at me today that Jesus’ blood has not completely removed.

Today’s Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your perfect, sinless blood that was shed for the forgiveness of all my sins and failures, and the removal of all my shame. I know that I can do nothing to deserve Your love and blessings
in my life. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, to see that Your blood covers me completely. I humbly believe that there is no condemnation for me, and that I’ve been set free and empowered by Your grace to reign over every sin, addiction, and depression. Amen.

“But how can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I condemn those whom the LORD has not condemned?”

NUMBERS 23:8 NLT

But the LORD will redeem those who serve him. No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

PSALM 34:22 NLT
DAY 51

Never Feel Guilty for Being Sick

Today’s Scripture

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”

JOHN 9:1–3

In an earlier reading, I talked about how the enemy’s name is “the accuser.” True to his name, he does not deal with what is peripheral or get distracted by superficial details in your life. As a master prosecutor, the devil goes straight for the deepest root in your life and uses the law to heap guilt and condemnation on you. He knows that if he can get you under condemnation and guilt, then fear, stress, and all kinds of sicknesses will follow.
This has always been and still is, the strategy he uses to afflict you today. He makes you feel guilty in your role as a father. He makes you feel guilty as a provider. He makes you feel guilty as an employee. He makes you feel guilty as an employer. He will even make you feel guilty for being sick!

Now, my friend, listen carefully to what I am about to say: a believer should never feel guilty for being sick. Believe me that the enemy will make you feel guilty and condemned for being sick. And we have to be careful not to create a culture in the church where people think that you will never be attacked by symptoms of a sickness if you are walking with God. Having a sickness or disease does not mean that you have sinned or that God is teaching you a lesson. It just means that your healing is on its way!

When Jesus and His disciples saw a man born blind, His disciples asked Him if the man was born blind because he had sinned or because his parents had sinned. See how the enemy had planted this accusation of guilt and condemnation into their thinking! Jesus answered, “Neither.” He went on to say, “I am the light of the world,” and proceeded to open the man’s eyes (John 9:1–7). I love Jesus’ style!

My friend, when there is a problem, such as a sickness, in your life, deal directly with it. Don’t ask whose fault it is! Don’t ask if it is your father’s fault or your grandfather’s fault. No, let’s learn to handle situations Jesus’ way. When faced with a man who was blind, Jesus
declared that He was the light of the world and proceeded to heal the man. So don’t let the devil make you feel guilty for being sick. It is guilt that will keep you sick!

Stand strong on this declaration: “no weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn” (Isa. 54:17). What is the weapon that the devil uses against you? We have learned that it is the law. The devil uses the law to speak words of guilt and condemnation to you and remind you that you have fallen short. But by the blood of Jesus, you have the authority and power to condemn every word of judgment that comes against you!

This is God’s promise to you today—no weapon formed against you shall prosper. It’s not because your behavior is perfect, but because your standing in Christ is perfect. Your victory is firmly secured through Jesus’ finished work, which is your heritage in Christ.

**Today’s Thought**

*Having a sickness or disease does not mean that I have sinned or that God is teaching me a lesson. It just means that my healing is on its way!*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I stand on Your unfailing promise that no weapon formed against me shall prosper because my standing in Christ is perfect. I thank You that You do
not send weapons of sickness and disease to punish me or teach me a lesson. Today, I believe that if there are symptoms in my body, then it simply means that Your healing is on the way, whatever the affliction, big or small. I believe that by the stripes laid on Jesus, I am healed and my victory is secure! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the L ORD, and their righteousness is from Me,” says the L ORD.

ISAIAH 54:17

“… how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

ACTS 10:38
DAY 52

The Gift of No Condemnation

Today’s Scripture
When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

JOHN 8:10–11

People often ask, “If believers know that they are free from all condemnation, won’t they go out and sin?” Well, they should talk to Katy, who is chaplain for a corrections facility housing female prisoners in Southern California. After she discovered the message of grace and experienced freedom from condemnation, her life was not the same. She even felt led by the Lord to share directly out of one of my books with the women at the corrections facility. This was the reception:
God is using this revelation of His grace to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free. Physical healings are taking place. Wrong mindsets are being changed. The women are also experiencing freedom from addictions, and their hurting lives are also being transformed by His great unconditional love and the abundance of His grace!

Katy and the female prisoners who received the gospel of grace would tell you it is a lie to even suggest that freedom from condemnation would lead to sin. It is just the opposite! Hallelujah! The women began to reign in life over their sins and addictions and to be healed of their brokenness. And they are not alone—this is the constant refrain in the letters and emails this ministry gets from people all over the world who can’t wait to share their deliverance and victory over things that have kept them in defeat. My friend, freedom from condemnation doesn’t lead you deeper into sin. It actually empowers you to break free from sin, from its painful consequences, and it causes you to fall more deeply in love with Jesus and His grace!

From today’s Scripture, you will notice that our Lord clearly did not think that freedom from condemnation would lead to a life of sin. Now, pay close attention to the account of the woman who was caught in adultery: Jesus gave her the gift of “no condemnation” before He told her to go and sin no more. Yet, many places today reverse the order and say to women such as the ones in the
correctional facility, “Go and sin no more first, and only then will we not condemn you.” Subtly or not so subtly, they are being told to get their lives together first, before they can be part of the church. That’s the reason they and others are shying away from places where they hear this. It is not because they are rebelling against Jesus. It is because they have not been introduced to the real Jesus who gives the guilty sinner the gift of no condemnation!

Too often, nonbelievers have only been introduced to Christianity as a set of rules that only judges and condemns them. But my friend, Christianity is not about laws. It is about Jesus and how He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for without blood, the Bible says that there is no forgiveness of sins (Heb. 9:22). That is why Christianity is a relationship based on the shed blood of Jesus Christ. His blood washed away all our sins and He fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law on our behalf.

Let me ask you a question: was the woman brought before Jesus guilty? Yes, she was “caught in adultery, in the very act” (John 8:4). But instead of condemning her according to the law of Moses, which required her to be stoned to death, Jesus showed her grace and gave her the gift of no condemnation.

Do you think that this woman would go off, look for her lover, and jump back into bed with him after she had received the gift of no condemnation? No, of course not! It is obvious that Jesus believed that when someone really has a revelation that God does not condemn him, he
would have the power to get out of the vicious cycle of sin. He would have the power to “go and sin no more”!

The truth is that Jesus’ grace swallows up sin. Let His words—“Neither do I condemn you”—transform your heart today and give you the power to “go and sin no more.”

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus’ gift of no condemnation to me empowers me to go and sin no more.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I thank You that I can enjoy Your gift of no condemnation and undeserved favor because Jesus paid for all my sins and unrighteousness at the cross. Thank You that my relationship with You is based on the fact that Jesus’ blood has washed away all my sins and that He met and fulfilled on my behalf all the requirements of the law. I believe that Your grace and forgiveness will empower me to live a life that always honors You. Amen.*

Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.
ROMANS 5:18 NLT

If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God!

2 CORINTHIANS 3:9 NLT
DAY 53

Come to Jesus Just as You Are

Today’s Scripture

Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven… Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

LUKE 7:48, 50

Imagine this: you are about to enter into a time of worship in church and as the leader gives the invitation, he asks you and all the other believers to first search your hearts for any sin that would keep you from the Lord’s presence. Tell me, what happens to your heart when you begin to search for sin? And what happens to your worship?

One of the things that I was taught during my formative years as a Christian was that I had to search my heart for sin before I could worship the Lord. Each time I did so, I felt as though I was entering a dark and dingy storeroom full of cobwebs. I pictured myself peering around and
searching for all my sins with a little torchlight. Been there? And the more I searched, the more I found, and the more I felt unworthy to enter God’s holy presence.

So instead of being more conscious of the beauty and love of my Savior, I became more and more conscious of my sins, uncleanness, and guilt. Initially, my hands would be raised and I would be all ready to praise and worship God. But the more I searched my heart for sin, the more my hands would hang down with dejection. How could I worship God? How could I have the courage and audacity to enter His courts with praise?

As I grew and matured in the things of God, I realized that the idea that you had to be “right” before you could worship Jesus is man’s tradition. For instance, the woman in Luke 7, who came to Jesus with an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, simply fell at His feet and worshiped Him. She washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair before anointing them with the oil. The Bible clearly records that the woman was a sinner, and many believe that she was a prostitute, but it says nothing about her stopping to search her heart or confess her sins before she worshiped Jesus. She worshiped Him just as she was, and after that, Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

I believe that the devil has tried to rob us of this tremendous truth. Whatever your need is, whether you are mired in debt, trapped in a particular sin, or fearful for your future, come to Jesus. He is your Savior. He is your healer. He is your provider. He is your peace. He is your
forgiveness. He is your “I AM” (see Ex. 3:14), which means that He is the great “I AM” for whatever you need Him to be in your situation.

Whatever lack you may be facing right now, He loves you and He is your solution. Come and worship Him just as you are, and He will meet you at your point of need. You don’t have to worry about the mistakes you have made because you are worshiping your forgiver. You don’t have to worry about your sickness because you are worshiping your healer. If believers really knew this truth, even wild horses would not be able to stop them from coming to worship God!

Beloved, come and worship with the boldness and confidence that this woman did. You will hear Jesus say, “Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

**Today’s Thought**

*When I come and worship Jesus just as I am, He will meet me at my point of need.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, I come to You just as I am to worship boldly and fearlessly because You have forgiven me.*

*Thank You that You are my Savior, my healer, my provider, my peace, my forgiveness, and my great “I AM” for whatever situation I am facing right now.*
believe that I never need to worry because You will meet me at every point of my need. I receive Your favor, Your healing, Your supply, Your wisdom, and Your peace to rise above every storm today. Amen.

...Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

JOHN 7:37–38 NLT

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

PSALM 138:2–3
Do you know what the Bible says produces character, godliness, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life? Contrary to what some preachers of the law are saying, today’s Scripture clearly tells us that it is the unadulterated gospel of the grace of God that will produce all these good fruit.

Let me say once more that grace is a person—not a doctrine or biblical topic—and His name is Jesus. The “grace of God...has appeared to all men,” teaching us the secret to godliness, character, and holiness. Jesus
showed us that the life we want to live is all found in Him and His work on the cross. When you have Jesus, you are godly. When you have Him, you are made righteous. When you have Him, good character will manifest. When you have Him, you are made holy!

Does this really work? Listen to a praise report I received from James in Kentucky, who was raised in a Christian home and knew about Jesus since his earliest memories. By the time he was ten years old, he was in bondage to a sexual sin. Over the years, the consequences of this secret sin became very public. By the time he was forty-eight, he had lost two professional jobs, had been asked to leave three different churches, and was even shamed publicly in his community because of his sexual addiction.

James consulted many Christian counselors and ministers for help. However, the secret sexual thoughts and actions did not stop. He went for secular counseling and bought into the lie that he would always be addicted.

Finally, when James listened to my teachings on the gospel of grace, he found the freedom he was longing for. He said:

I realized that my heart was broken and wounded. I learned that Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted, and I also professed with my mouth that His precious blood covers my heart. I discovered that freedom from this addiction is His will for me and became completely set free. The Lord healed my heart and my emotions,
cleansed my will, and gave me a deep revelation of His righteousness.

I truly love Him with all my heart... I am so different now from the person I had been for forty-eight years. Now, I see the fruit of His righteousness manifested in my life without my relying on willpower or recovery programs. Jesus has healed my marriage and my wife actually trusts me now. I am an overcomer, highly blessed and greatly favored. Praise Jesus!

James was restored to wholeness by the Lord and able to see fruits in his life. The lie that is told to so many believers, such as James, is that before you come to Jesus you need to straighten things out first, or clean yourself first. If that is what you believe, the sad truth is that you will never come to Jesus, because you will never come to a place where you can make your life right.

Come on, Jesus is the “bath” that makes you clean! He is the solution, and He will help you to straighten out what you will never be able to straighten out on your own. Come just as you are with all your weaknesses and imperfections, and Jesus will wash you clean of all guilt and condemnation and set you free to reign in life through His righteousness.

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus is the “bath” that makes me clean. The secret*
to godliness, character, and holiness is all found in Him and His work on the cross.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You that Jesus’ finished work has cleansed and made me righteous in Your sight. I thank You that the power of the gospel of grace is working in my life to produce the fruit of the Spirit. Thank You that godliness, character, and holiness are all mine because I have Jesus. I believe that in Jesus I am accepted, righteous, and beloved, and that He will help me to straighten out whatever needs to be straightened out in my life. I look to Him to turn my weaknesses into strengths for His glory. Amen.

“No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

**Jeremiah 31:34**

As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me.

**Psalm 55:16**
DAY 55

Your Debt Has Been Overpaid

Today’s Scripture

“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.”

ISAIAH 43:25 NLT

I have some extraordinary good news for you today! Although you and I owed God a sin debt that we could never pay, Jesus has already paid our debt. Listen closely, my friend, because of who Jesus is and the value of that one Man, the price that He paid for our sins was an overpayment. All the sinners put together cannot compare with the value of that one Man. He overpaid it so much that we need never have the debt on our conscience ever again!

Let me illustrate what I mean. Imagine that you have borrowed $50,000 from a creditor and as time goes by, you find that you cannot possibly ever pay the money
back. Then one day, a friend who is a billionaire hears about your debt and gives $1 million to your creditor to pay off your debt. Now, what has your friend done? Well, because he loves you, he has overpaid your debt to make sure that you will never feel the debt on your heart ever again, and that your creditor has no more reason to harass you to pay your debt.

This is what Jesus has accomplished for you through His finished work on the cross. His payment has wiped out your entire life’s sins—past, present, and future—once and for all! Perhaps in the past you were not aware of the fullness of this gospel of grace, but now I have conveyed the good news to you. It’s now up to you to believe the message. You can respond in disbelief, asking, “Are you sure? I’ve owed this debt for such a long time, and now you’re telling me that it’s all paid up?” Or you can shout, “Hallelujah!” and rejoice over this unmerited gift that has cleared your debt of sin completely!

My friend, because Jesus has already paid your sin debt fully, do you know what you are doing each time you allow that debt to remain on your conscience? Every time you are sin-conscious, you are insulting the payment of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are saying that it is not enough. You are saying that the cross is not enough. And you know what? You are also insulting the One who received the payment for your sin debt. Each time you try to pay off your sin debt that has already been paid, you are saying that God is not satisfied with Jesus’ payment even though the truth is that He is more than satisfied with
Jesus’ overpayment. Jesus is the beloved Son of the living God. How can you say that His sacrifice is not enough?

Does it really matter if you condemn yourself and allow your sin debt to remain on your conscience even after Jesus has overpaid it? Yes, it matters, because apart from dishonoring the work of Jesus on the cross, sin-consciousness makes you avoid God and can produce in you condemnation, sicknesses, diseases, depression, and a cycle of sin!

My friend, Jesus, being the Son of God, has overpaid your entire life’s sins—once and for all! Believe the good news and draw near to your Savior today! The Word of God declares to you that you can have “boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus” (Heb. 10:19). Today, in the face of whatever you need help with, you can draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having your heart sprinkled from an evil, sin-stained conscience, and receive His tender mercies, grace, and help for all your needs (see Heb. 10:22, 4:16).

**Today’s Thought**

*Jesus’ overpayment has wiped out my entire life’s sins—past, present, and future—once and for all!*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that because Jesus is Your dearly beloved Son, His sacrifice on the cross is an*
overpayment for my entire life's sins—past, present, and future—once and for all! Thank You that nothing can change the fact that You are fully satisfied with Jesus’ payment and that there never needs to be debt on my conscience toward You again. I rejoice that I can always come boldly into Your presence to receive Your favor and supply for all my needs. Amen.

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us…

HEBREWS 10:19

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16
DAY 56

Forgiveness and Healing Go Hand-in-Hand

Today’s Scripture
When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you…But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

MARK 2:5, 10–12

I encourage you to start today with this thought: the way out of being sin-conscious is to hear more teaching on the finished work of Jesus and how His blood has
cleansed and forgiven us of all our sins. When you believe that your sins have already been punished on Jesus’ body and receive Him as your sin offering, your heart will be sprinkled with His blood from an evil conscience. As you listen to Christ-exalting teachings, instead of carrying sin-consciousness and condemnation in your mind and heart, you will be washed with the pure water of God’s Word. This will in turn affect your physical body and bring healing to every part that is not well!

Some Christians are not able to receive healing for themselves or within their families because they are not able to receive forgiveness. They are still sin-conscious and doubt their forgiveness. They believe that God may have forgiven their past sins, but not the sins of their whole life. God knows that people need the assurance that their sins are forgiven before they can receive healing in their bodies, so the Bible makes His forgiveness of our sins very clear. In Psalm 103, when the psalmist lists the “benefits” from the Lord, he starts with “who forgives all your iniquities” before moving on to “who heals all your diseases.”

Not so long ago, I received this praise report from Patricia, who lives in South Africa. Her husband was diagnosed with cancer, and they were getting ready to go to the hospital for his positron emission tomography (PET) scan when she read one of my daily devotionals on the Holy Communion. Feeling consumed by worry for her husband and condemnation for not being able to entrust the situation completely into the Lord’s hands, she took
Communion and for the first time, discerned that the body of Jesus was beaten so that our bodies might be healed and made whole. She also meditated on how Jesus’ blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. After that, Patricia said, “I felt a peace only God could give. I was able to enter into a state of rest and faith without any effort on my part. I am proud to say, my Savior reigns. No cancer was found in my husband’s organs and the doctors could not explain why.” What an amazing testimony of the power of knowing you are forgiven in Christ!

In Mark 2:1–12, we read the account of the paralytic man lowered through the roof and placed before Jesus. Jesus said to the paralytic man, “Son, your sins are forgiven you,” before He said, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Why? Because Jesus knew that unless the man had the assurance that all his sins had been forgiven, he would not have the faith to jump up, grab his mat, and walk out of that house.

Beloved, your sins are forgiven you. Stop punishing and condemning yourself. Believe the truth of the gospel and let your conscience be satisfied! Start enjoying all His benefits because they are your blood-bought rights. Forgiveness is yours. Healing is yours. Redemption from destruction is yours. Being crowned with loving-kindness and tender mercies is yours. Hallelujah! Simply believe that your sin debt has been settled and walk in these blessings today!
Today’s Thought
Because my sin debt has been settled, I can walk in all the benefits of Jesus’ finished work. Healing, being redeemed from destruction, and being crowned with loving-kindness are blessings that are mine today.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that because You have secured my perfect forgiveness in Jesus, my sin debt is paid, and You do not condemn me today. Thank You that because forgiveness is mine, healing for every part of my being is also mine, redemption from every evil thing is mine, and being crowned with loving-kindness and tender mercies is also mine. I believe that I have a blood-bought right to break free of all that holds me back from experiencing the abundant life that is found in Jesus. Amen.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

Psalm 103:2–3 NIV

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show
mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

MICAH 7:18–19 NIV
DAY 57

Study the Bible to See Jesus Unveiled

Today’s Scripture

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

LUKE 24:25–27

After Jesus rose from the dead, He ministered comfort to two sad and discouraged disciples who were walking to a village called Emmaus. From the way they spoke, you could tell that they did not believe that Jesus would be resurrected. They said that they were hoping that it was Jesus who was going to redeem Israel, so they were utterly discouraged when He was crucified. They were also astonished when certain women of their
company, who had gone to Jesus’ tomb, told them that they could not find His body.

In today’s Scripture, the two indictments that Jesus spoke to those disciples are the same ones He speaks to the body of Christ today. The first is that we are “foolish,” that is, we are suffering from ignorance and the lack of knowledge of and revelation from the Word of God. The second is that even when we do have knowledge of the Word, we are “slow of heart to believe.”

Now, our Lord Jesus is so loving that He would not just tell the disciples what their problem was without giving them the solution. So immediately, He began to expound the Scriptures. He started at Moses, which refers to the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), before moving on to the rest of the Old Testament, which would include the major and minor prophets. He expounded to them “the things concerning Himself” in every single book, showing them pictures of Himself throughout the Scriptures. What a tremendous time of Bible study it must have been!

This tells us that the Bible is all about Jesus. Jesus is in the Old Testament concealed and in the New Testament revealed. Jesus began to unveil to the disciples that He was the promised Seed in the Garden of Eden who would crush Satan’s head. He would have moved on to share about how each of the five Levitical offerings depicted different aspects of His one perfect work on the cross. He would have shared about the high priest and how the high priest’s garments spoke of Himself as our perfect
representative before God. Jesus would even have unveiled Himself in all the typologies embedded in the Old Testament stories. There are no insignificant details in the Bible and everything in it is there to point to Jesus.

In expounding the Scriptures to the two disciples, I believe that Jesus showed us how we are to study the Bible today. He does not want us to read the Bible to find out what to do and what not to do. He wants us to study the Bible to see Him and all the things in the Scriptures concerning Himself. When you begin to see Jesus in every page of the Bible and to search out all the hidden gems and truths about Jesus, the Bible comes alive. Faith comes alive in your heart to strengthen your heart and to receive your breakthrough when you see your Savior and His saving grace toward His people.

Jesus’ solution for those who are “foolish” and “slow of heart to believe” is for them to study the Bible to see more of Him. At the end of the disciples’ journey, the Bible says that they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32). My friend, when Jesus is unveiled in the Scriptures, our hearts will burn within us with the warmth of His love.

Whatever your need is today, whether it is physical, emotional, mental, social, or financial, your solution is found in a greater revelation of Jesus. When Jesus is unveiled in all His magnificence, the poor will experience provision, the weak will be made strong, and the sick will be healed. I pray that you will make it your priority to read
the Word and hear preaching that unveils the beauty and grace of your Savior. Your life, finances, marriage, and your entire household will be blessed beyond measure.

**Today’s Thought**

*Whatever my need is today, whether it is physical, emotional, mental, social, or financial, my solution is found in a greater revelation of Jesus.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for giving me Your Word to study and for showing me that it is all about seeing Jesus. Thank You that no matter what my need is today, whether it is physical, emotional, mental, social, or financial, my solution is found in a greater revelation of Jesus. I ask that the Holy Spirit will open my eyes to see Jesus in all His beauty, glory, and grace in the Scriptures. I believe that the more I see of Jesus’ love and grace for me, the more my life, finances, marriage, and my entire household will be blessed beyond measure. Amen.*

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!”

JOHN 5:39 NLT
They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

LUKE 24:32 NLT
I want to begin this day by asking you this question: amid all the different things you hear clamoring for your attention every day, are you hearing messages that are full of the good news of Jesus? This is so important because it is the basis of your walking in peace of mind and heart, and life and healing in your body.

The true ministry of any new covenant Bible teacher or preacher is to unveil Jesus to you and qualify you by the blood of Jesus. He or she does not come to unveil your faults or bring your sins to remembrance to disqualify you...
from entering God’s presence and enjoying His blessings. That is what an old covenant preacher does. In the Old Testament, the widow of Zarephath said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance...?” (1 Kings 17:18).

The enemy, our accuser, wants you to be conscious of yourself and keeps telling you to look at your every wrong deed and thought. My friend, don’t play his game. Turn away from his accusations and from yourself, and see Jesus. God is not judging you today based on you. He has placed you in Christ, and He sees the excellence, beauty, and perfection of Jesus when He looks at you. The devil wants you self-conscious. God wants you Jesus-conscious. It is in your best interest to find out as much as you can about Jesus—who He is, His titles, His official glories, all that He possesses—because all that He is, God has set to your account. You are a joint heir to all that He has and all the inheritance that is due to Jesus is yours as well (see Rom. 8:17)!

The law is all about you looking at yourself. The new covenant of grace is all about you seeing Jesus. The Pharisees committed large portions of the Word of God to memory and yet they could not see the Word of God in the flesh, standing before them. We should not be interested in just accumulating Bible knowledge. We should be opening the Scriptures to see more of Jesus. Some people think that if they knew Hebrew and Greek, they would understand the Bible better. Well, the Pharisees knew Hebrew and that did nothing for them.
What we need is for the Holy Spirit to unveil to us revelations and hidden gems about Jesus and His finished work.

Very often, when Jesus and His grace are not our focus, we find ourselves wandering in the desert of legalism and becoming discouraged and disillusioned with life as a believer. This was something Raymond, who lives in Australia, went through after becoming a believer when he was twelve. He was brought up believing that God would smite him if he did not keep the law perfectly. At the age of fifteen, he stopped going to church and reading the Bible as he felt that it was all too hard. But over the years, he never stopped believing that Jesus is the Son of God. At the age of fifty-four, Raymond kept a promise he made to his father to return to church. It was there that Raymond was introduced to my ministry, and this was his response to receiving the message of grace:

*When I heard about what Jesus had accomplished for me at the cross, I felt a weight lift off my shoulders. For the first time in my life, I felt so close to my Savior and all I could do was cry and say, “You are awesome, Jesus!” over and over again. I know that I am the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ through His perfect finished work on the cross and that as Jesus is in heaven, so am I in this world. So every time I go through a trial, I just ask myself, “Is Jesus defeated by this in heaven? No. Well, neither am I here on earth.”*  

*I have learned to bring Jesus into every situation*
quickly so that I can rest in His unmerited and undeserved grace and love. Because God is with me, it does not matter what things look like in the natural as God is above all of it. I have learned to trust Jesus and tap into His love and wisdom daily. He is faithful and will NEVER leave me nor forsake me. I can truly say I have experienced the superabundance of God’s grace.

I know now that God had never forgotten me even though I turned away from Him. God answered my dad’s prayer and now his entire family serves the Lord! Hallelujah, praise Jesus!

Beloved, your enjoying peace, joy, and victory in this life is all about seeing Jesus, because from Him comes every supply and provision—His grace, His love, His righteousness, and His forgiveness. Keep focusing on His grace and love for you and I promise you, your life will be transformed beyond your wildest imagination.

**Today’s Thought**

*What I need is for the Holy Spirit to unveil to me revelations and hidden gems about Jesus and His finished work.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that for every one of my challenges, Jesus is my answer. I choose to turn*
away from myself and the enemy’s accusations and to focus on my beautiful Savior instead. As He is, risen and seated at Your right hand, so am I in this world, because You have placed me in Him. I ask that every day, the Holy Spirit will unveil to me revelations and hidden gems about who Jesus is—His titles, His official glories, and all that He possesses and has for me. I believe that as I grow in my revelation of Him, my life will be transformed beyond my wildest imagination! Amen.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

JOHN 14:26 NASB

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

ROMANS 8:16
DAY 59

Jesus, the True Bread of Life

Today’s Scripture

“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.”

JOHN 6:48–50

I trust that you are excited to see Jesus in the Scriptures, so over the next few days, I want to take Old Testament Scriptures and unveil Jesus to you through the use of typology. If you are not familiar with the use of typology in interpreting the Scriptures, I hope the examples you will read here will give you a good understanding of it. The Bible says, “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter” (Prov. 25:2). God has hidden the mysteries of His beloved Son and His finished work throughout the Bible, and it is our glory as
kings to search out all these things concerning Himself. Are you ready to see Jesus?

Let’s first look at the account of the children of Israel as they journeyed in the wilderness. The Bible tells us that “the soul of the people became very discouraged,” and they began to murmur and complain against God and His appointed leadership, Moses, saying, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread” (Num. 21:4–5). Can you imagine this? God had delivered them from a life of slavery in Egypt with His mighty hand, protected them from Pharaoh’s army with a pillar of fire, and parted the Red Sea for them to pass through. Instead of being grateful, they complained and even referred to the manna from heaven as “worthless bread.”

According to the psalmist, the manna was “the bread of heaven...angels’ food” (Ps. 78:24–25). For forty years in the wilderness, God provided them with food for champions, food that kept them free from sicknesses and diseases, food that descended daily from heaven. All they had to do each morning was to collect enough for their consumption. Yet, they despised the manna.

Jesus said in today’s Scripture that the manna God gave them was a picture or type of Himself. The church today needs to be careful not to make the same mistake that the children of Israel made when they called the manna from God “worthless bread.” In many places, there is an underemphasis on Jesus Christ and an
overemphasis on all sorts of doctrines and principles that can be extracted from the Word. Churches must be careful not to consider Jesus as “worthless bread” by relegating Him to the periphery of their teachings.

Anybody who doesn’t focus on Jesus Christ and His finished work has neither the power nor the wisdom of God, because the Bible says that Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:23–24). He is the true bread from heaven and only He satisfies! The devil is afraid of any church that preaches Jesus Christ on the cross because he knows that when people know how God sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for them, they will see that they have a merciful God who loves them unconditionally. They will know the truth, and the truth will set them free (John 8:32)!

Let me add one more thing. Do you know that every morning, the children of Israel had to go out to collect fresh manna? The manna could not be stored overnight for consumption the next day as it would turn stale and breed worms. Ever wondered why God didn’t just give them a week’s supply of manna? Well, it is because God wants His people to open the Scriptures every day to collect fresh manna of Jesus and be satisfied with His grace. He doesn’t want us to live on past revelations of Jesus, for His mercies are new every morning. He delights to fill your heart with His grace, peace, wisdom, and joy every day. Hallelujah!
Today’s Thought
Jesus is the true bread from heaven and only He can satisfy us with His grace, peace, wisdom, and joy every morning!

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You that You are the bread of life from heaven that satisfies the depths of my soul with Your grace. Thank You for inviting me to feed afresh upon Your unconditional love and tender mercies every morning. I believe that as I open Your Word daily, You will provide me with an abundance of revelations of Your grace and love for me, and delight my heart with Your fresh mercies. Amen.

…but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:23–24

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

PSALM 34:8 NLT

For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
PSALM 107:9
Day 60

Jesus, the Bronze Serpent in the Wilderness

Today’s Scripture

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:14–15

Today’s Scripture is another example of how Jesus gives us a picture of Himself and His finished work in the Old Testament. After the children of Israel murmured and complained as described in yesterday’s reading, the Bible says that “the Lord sent fiery serpents” (Num. 21:6), and they bit the Israelites and many of them died. God punished them when they murmured against His appointed leader, Moses. Remember that this happened
under the old covenant of law. Praise the Lord that in the new covenant of grace, God will never lift His protection over us as punishment for our sins.

The people came to Moses for help and he prayed for them. Then, the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it on a pole, and “if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived” (Num. 21:8–9).

My friend, the bronze serpent on the pole is a picture or type of Jesus on the cross. But why did Jesus liken Himself to a serpent when He is not like one in any way? He is beautiful, matchless, flawless, and altogether lovely. You see, on the cross, Jesus became cursed with the curses that we deserved for our sins. He who knew no sin became sin so that you and I could go free (see 2 Cor. 5:21)! By His sacrifice on the cross, the guilty creature that brought death in the Garden of Eden became a symbol of His grace. Isn’t it like God to turn something that is so ugly into something that is so beautiful? That’s what happens when you let His grace come into your life. He takes all the ugly things in you and makes them beautiful.

Now, why a bronze serpent? Why didn’t Moses just put a real snake on the pole? Because that would have spoiled the typology. Jesus did not come in “sinful flesh.” He came in the “likeness of sinful flesh” (Rom. 8:3). There is a huge difference. Jesus knew no sin and in Him is no
sin (1 John 3:5). Hence, He cannot be depicted as a real serpent. He was depicted as a bronze figure that was made in the likeness of a serpent.

And why bronze? Throughout the Bible, bronze speaks of judgment. For example, the altar of burnt offering for the animal sacrifices was made of acacia wood and overlaid with bronze. Its utensils and grate were made of bronze (Ex. 27:1–4). So to see Jesus as the bronze serpent is to see a picture of God’s judgment falling upon Jesus at the cross.

There are no insignificant details in the Bible. What God is telling us is that He does not want us to look at ourselves, our afflictions, or even our sicknesses and diseases. He wants us to look at Jesus. Just one look at Jesus on the cross bearing all our sins, curses, and judgment, and you and I will live. The bronze serpent was raised on a pole so that all the children of Israel could see it. In the same way, God lifted Jesus up on the cross for the whole world to see Him. Whosoever looks on Jesus and sees their sins, curses, and sicknesses punished on His body shall be saved. They shall be healed. They shall live! Jesus Christ and Him crucified—that is our salvation. That is our solution. That is our healing.

My friend, stop being preoccupied with yourself and your self-efforts and disqualifying yourself. Start being occupied with Jesus and His finished work. Begin to search the Scriptures for all the things concerning Jesus and feel your heart burning with the warmth of His love within you as the Holy Spirit unveils to you just how
beautiful He is.

You have a wonderful Savior. Look away from your own wounds and hurts, and look to Jesus, who will save you! All you need on your part is to look and believe!

Today’s Thought

Just one look at Jesus on the cross as the bronze serpent bearing all my sins, curses, and judgment, and I will live.

Today’s Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for how the picture of the bronze serpent in Your Word shows me that I have been delivered from every sickness and curse because You were judged in my place at the cross. I can never praise You enough for choosing the cross and becoming cursed in my place because of my sins. I believe that as I keep looking to You, my wonderful Savior, I will be saved, healed, delivered, and protected, and I will reign over every challenge and bondage in my life. Amen.

…So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9
DAY 61

When Your Eyes Are Opened

Today’s Scripture

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

JEREMIAH 31:3

I hope that teaching you the typology of Jesus as the true bread of life and the bronze serpent over the past two days has made your heart burn inside you for more of Jesus unveiled. It is my greatest privilege as a pastor to be able to meet precious believers and unveil Jesus Christ to them. There is no greater reward than to know that I have opened their eyes to see more of Jesus, His grace, His beauty, and the perfection of His work.

I received a letter from a sister named Yasmin, who lives in Texas, that reflects the transformations possible in one’s life when Jesus and His grace are unveiled to one’s
Pastor Prince, my husband and I are in our late thirties and have been serving the Lord in various capacities since we were fifteen. Early in our marriage, we experienced a tumultuous crisis when we lost our son four hours after he was born. Then, I had a complete nervous breakdown several years later that lasted three months.

We experienced so much confusion, hurt, and rejection from the church communities we were a part of that we stopped attending church altogether and haven’t been inside a church for several years. However, we never stopped worshiping the Lord, praying, and studying His Word in our own home. We realize the importance of being involved in a church, but we’ve been so afraid that we’ll be hurt again. At the same time, we felt we were disappointing God because we were not walking in the calling that He had given us in the church.

When my husband first got hold of one of your books, all we really knew about you was what several friends had told us. Your teaching on grace awed my husband, but when he tried to explain it, I couldn’t understand it. In my mind, God had given us grace, so if we sinned or failed, shouldn’t we pay a price? We got into several heated discussions over it. I had believed that God couldn’t bless us unless we were going to and serving Him in a church.

However, my husband was being set free from these erroneous teachings. He was patient with me and kept insisting that I give the book a chance. I am glad I did. It
was a new revelation of grace for me. Many times, when he read a chapter out loud to me, I felt God’s presence and love surround me and I would cry, because He was showing me that my feelings of condemnation over the years had no merit. He had never stopped loving me. I began to see myself as a person of worth because God deemed me worthy to give up His Son for. That changed my whole outlook on life.

Through the gospel of grace, we have received healing on so many levels. Our hearts are forever changed. Where doctors couldn’t get me to calm down without the use of medication in the past, just hearing and hearing the gospel did—effortlessly. Now, I’m able to let go into God’s hands the things that used to get me all wound up. Not only can I sleep better, but my relationship with my husband and children are so much better now too.

My husband and I have also been healed of the past hurts we experienced at the hands of spiritual leaders. The feelings of inadequacy and the belief that God didn’t love us anymore are gone. He has never left us or forsaken us. He is the same yesterday, now, and forever.

We’re looking forward to visiting several churches to see where God wants us to be. This progress wouldn’t have been possible without the Word of Christ that has stirred us to trust God to lead us where we need to go. We’re so grateful for the timely and powerful impact the gospel of grace has made on our lives.

My friend, do you see what happens when you see
Jesus and let the truth of the gospel of grace change the way you see God? Today, let healing and rest for your soul come as you allow your heart to be anchored on Jesus and His grace.

**Today’s Thought**

*Healing on so many levels of my life begins to happen as I anchor my heart on Jesus and the gospel of His grace.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for opening my eyes to see more of Jesus, His grace, His beauty, and the perfection of His work through Your Word. Thank You for drawing me by Your grace and unveiling Your great heart of love for me. I am amazed by how much You love me no matter what I have or have not done. Today, I rest in Your love and believe that You are bringing healing to every place in my life that needs Your touch. Thank You, Father! In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*PSALM 147:3*
Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7 NLT
The Centerpiece of God’s Heart

Today’s Scripture
Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9:12

One of the things I love to do when I preach is to unveil Christ in the Old Testament Scriptures. It’s amazing how we can see Jesus unveiled in the Old Testament and what each detail reveals about the perfection of His finished work and His grace toward us. This is why it’s so important to get into His Word and take time to meditate upon the pictures or types that reveal His unwavering and unfailing love for you.

Would you like to see another example of Christ unveiled that will make your heart burn within you? Then look with me at the picture of Christ that is hidden in the
ark of the covenant. In the days of the old covenant, God dwelled within the temple in Jerusalem in the Holy of Holies between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant (see 1 Sam. 4:4). This was the throne of God. The ark was the centerpiece of His heart and so important to God that He gave the Israelites very specific instructions on how it was to be constructed (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9) because every detail of the ark points to the person and the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For instance, the box portion of the ark is made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold. Wood in the Bible speaks of humanity (see Isa. 55:12; Mark 8:24). Acacia wood is known in Israel as incorruptible wood, so this speaks of Jesus’ incorruptible humanity. Gold in the Bible speaks of divinity and deity (see Isa. 2:20; Song 5:11, 14–15). So the wood overlaid with gold speaks of the person of Jesus—He was completely human and at the same time completely God.

Let’s look at the lid of the box, which was made from a solid slab of gold and covered the box. In Hebrew, the lid is called the kapporeth, which means “mercy seat.” God said that He would speak to the high priest from the mercy seat, “from between the two cherubim” (Ex. 25:22). The mercy seat was also the place where the high priest would place the blood of the animal sacrifices, only once in the entire year on the Day of Atonement. Let’s see what the mercy seat was used to cover from view.

Three items were kept in the ark. The first was the stone tablets on which God wrote the Ten
Commandments, which we have seen speak of our rebellion and inability to keep God’s laws perfectly. The second was Aaron’s rod. When the people were complaining against God’s appointment of Aaron as the high priest, God caused Aaron’s rod to bud supernaturally to show the people that it was He who had appointed Aaron (see Num. 17:1–10). Aaron’s rod thus speaks of man’s rebellion against God’s appointed leadership. The final item in the ark was the golden pot of manna, which we have seen speaks of man’s rebellion against God’s provision (see Day 59).

Every item in the ark of the covenant speaks of our sins and rebellion against God! But what did God do with our sins and rebellion? He put them all into the ark and covered them with the mercy seat where the blood of the animal sacrifices was placed. By doing this, He was saying that when He looks down, He cannot see man’s sins and rebellion because the blood on the mercy seat covers them all!

This is the good news! Let me say it one more time to make sure that you did not miss it: God cannot see your sins when the blood of Jesus covers them. That is why in the Old Testament, Israel rejoiced every time their high priest went into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement and placed the blood of the animal sacrifices on the mercy seat. When the blood was on the mercy seat, God could not see His people’s rejection of His laws, His appointed priesthood, and His provision. He could not see the people’s sins and rebellion. He only saw
the blood on the mercy seat.

Now, stop and consider the wonder portrayed in this picture of Jesus and His sacrifice. Understand that it was “not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood [Christ] entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” His shed blood that covers your sins is the basis of your eternal redemption!

My friend, as you see Jesus unveiled like this and make Him the center of your heart, you will experience peace, joy, and the fulfillment of redemption’s blessings, and reign in life.

Today’s Thought

*With His own blood Jesus entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained my eternal redemption!*

Today’s Prayer

*Lord Jesus, thank You that every detail of the ark of the covenant points to You and Your finished work. Thank You for the mercy seat and that with Your own blood You entered the Most Holy Place once for all and have obtained my eternal redemption. Help me to see more and more of all that You have provided for me on the cross. I receive Your love for me and I believe I will reign in life through You. Amen.*
“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.”

ROMANS 4:7–8

“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

HEBREWS 8:12
DAY 63

Jesus Is Our Mercy Seat

Today’s Scripture

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:10

Are you excited to see more of Jesus unveiled in the Scriptures? According to God’s Word, the more we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, the more grace and peace are multiplied to us (2 Pet 1:2). It’s my prayer today that as we see how the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant is such a beautiful picture of our Lord Jesus at the cross, every aspect of our lives will begin to be inundated with His grace and peace.

In today’s Scripture and in 1 John 2:2, the apostle John tells us that Jesus is, because He was sent by God to be, the “propitiation for our sins.” “Propitiation” is a beautiful word and it means that on the cross Jesus
became our sacrifice and took God’s wrath meant for us upon Himself. Now, if you study the word “propitiation” in the Septuagint (a Greek translation of the Old Testament), you will find that it is the same word as “mercy seat.”¹

So when Apostle John said that Jesus is our propitiation, he was saying that Jesus is our mercy seat. What was so special about the mercy seat? If you were to study the construction of the mercy seat, you will see that the mercy seat (with the two cherubim) was made of one solid slab of gold that was beaten into shape (see Ex. 25:17–20). In the same way, for Jesus to take our place and be our mercy seat, He had to be (and was) brutally beaten and scourged so that by His stripes, we are healed (Isa. 53:5). What a beautiful picture of His love and sacrifice for us!

When you look at the illustration of the ark of the covenant, you will also see the crown around the mercy seat. This crown typifies Jesus’ majesty, glory, and kingship. He was the only King who came not to be served, but to serve. The One who created the universe became a servant-King for us on the cross. Can you see how the ark of the covenant is a shadow of our Lord Jesus Christ, His person, and His work? Because of His blood, all our sins have been cleansed.

Now, notice that the mercy seat is placed over the law. This tells us that God’s mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)! God’s grace is above God’s law. God executes judgment because He is just, but His delight is not in judgment. His delight is in mercy and grace. The
Bible tells us that God’s anger lasts only for a moment, but His mercy endures forever (Ps. 30:5; 106:1). In the same vein, we believers today should be exalting God’s mercy and His grace above the law.

But the way some people portray God today creates the false impression that His mercy lasts only for a moment, but His anger endures forever! That is just not true. His anger ended the moment it was exhausted on Jesus at the cross. In fact, even His judgment demonstrates His grace because instead of judging us for our sins (which we deserved), the judgment fell on His Son, Jesus Christ, in whom was no sin! That’s grace, my friend. The judgment that we deserved fell on Jesus, while the blessings that He deserved fell on us. That is the undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor of God!

Beloved, God wants you to live life forgiveness-conscious today. All your sins have been completely forgiven by the blood of Jesus. Condemnation toward yourself or others does not have to rule your thought life today. The more you believe that all your sins have been forgiven because of God’s grace, the more sin will have no more power over you (see Rom. 6:14). Hallelujah!

**Today’s Thought**

*God’s delight is not in judgment but in mercy and grace toward me.*
Today’s Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that You went to the cross, suffered for me, and that You are my mercy seat. Thank You for taking the weight of all my sins and bearing the punishment for every last sin until You completely exhausted God’s wrath against my sins. Today, I receive Your complete forgiveness in my life, and I forgive myself for all my sins, mistakes, and failings. As I release them all into Your loving hands and come under Your grace, I believe that sin will no longer have dominion over me. Amen!

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!

PSALM 30:5 NLT

…Mercy triumphs over judgment.

JAMES 2:13

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23 nlt
The Secret of David

Today’s Scripture

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Colossians 1:17–18

Have you ever wondered why God called David “a man after My own heart” (Acts 13:22)? What made him so special, and how can we also be a man or woman after God’s heart? I believe David was special because he got hold of something that was of the greatest importance to God’s heart. He got hold of a divine thought and objective in God’s heart and made a vow to God in the wilderness to bring back the ark of the covenant to its rightful place among God’s people in Jerusalem (Ps. 132:1–5). Because David placed such importance on bringing back the ark, God considered him a man after His own heart.
For more than twenty years, King Saul had left the ark in a hilly place called Kirjath Jearim (1 Sam. 7:2). So David made it his passion to bring the ark to Mount Zion in Jerusalem, for the Lord had chosen Zion (which represents God’s grace, as opposed to Mount Sinai, which represents His law) as His dwelling place. God Himself said of Zion, “This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it” (Ps. 132:14).

When you understand the typology of the ark of the covenant, you will see that bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem is the same as bringing Jesus Christ back into a place of prominence and making Him and His finished work the center of all our teaching and preaching and lives.

This was the secret to David’s blessings. He pursued the ark of the covenant and God called him a man after His own heart. Today, you too can be a man or woman after God’s own heart. You can pursue Jesus and bring Him back into the center of your life. Make Jesus the centerpiece of every aspect of your life.

When Gillian from New Jersey and her husband started doing this, not only did it make their relationship stronger, but one blessing after another came into their lives. Round about the time they were introduced to the gospel of grace through my television broadcast, Gillian and her husband were struggling to conceive after being childless for all eleven years of their married life. They had tried all means, including in vitro fertilization, and Gillian was finally told that between her system being “so
messed up” and her husband being diagnosed with a low sperm count, diabetes, and other diseases, they could never have a child on their own.

“But we watched you every morning,” Gillian told me, “and as we listened, we got a better and better understanding of God’s grace. Your sermons always teach us to put Jesus in the center of our lives, and so we started doing that. We began to believe that Jesus has paid the full price for us to have whatever we need through Him. We would see Him and His finished work in our relationship with each other and in our challenges.”

Well, as Gillian gave the Lord center place by giving heed to the hearing of His Word, she heard me speak in one of my sermons of an anointing to have children. She shared, “Instantly, I believed it and received it into my spirit. Pastor Prince, I am now six weeks pregnant. What medical science could not do, our beautiful Savior did! Praise the Lord! Not only that, but God has also been increasing my business to the extent that I need new equipment now, and I have no doubt He will supply it all. We know we are truly God’s beloved.”

What an awesome testimony! My friend, like Gillian and her husband, make Jesus, His finished work, and His grace, the center of everything in your life. Make Him the center of your marriage, family, career, and finances, and allow the fullness of His blessings to flow in your life today!
Today’s Thought
The secret to becoming like David—a man after God’s own heart—is to make Jesus, His finished work, and His grace, the center of everything in my life.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that I can be like David, a person after Your own heart. Thank You that I can pursue Jesus and make Him, His finished work, and His grace, the center of everything in my life. I ask that You show me His beauty, His glory, His grace, and His love for me every day, and how to involve Him in the way I see things and make decisions. I believe that as I make Jesus the center of my marriage, family, career, and finances, the fullness of His blessings will flow in my life. Amen!

LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; how he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

PSALM 132:1–5
Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4
DAY 65

Bring Jesus Back

Today’s Scripture

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

REVELATION 3:20

Yesterday, we saw how David had a passion to bring the ark of the covenant, a picture of Jesus, to its rightful place among God’s people in Jerusalem. It was then and it still is God’s divine occupation that the centerpiece of His heart, His beloved Son, Jesus, be brought back to the center of His people’s lives. A long time ago, the Lord said this to me, “Son, bring Jesus Christ back to the church.”

You know, it saddens me that in many churches today, you hardly hear the name of Jesus being mentioned. Instead, you hear psychology being taught. You hear motivational teachings. You hear “doing, doing, doing,”
“vision, vision, vision,” or “calling, calling, calling.” You hear very little of Jesus Christ and His finished work being taught. Is Christianity really about our doing, our calling, and our vision?

I still remember how Wendy and I were living in a very small place when we first got married. It was our first apartment. Our study was so tiny and it didn’t even have a chair at that time. As I sat on the floor of my study reading the Scriptures, God spoke to me. He began to show me more clearly than I had ever seen before that Jesus Christ was not being given central place in the body of Christ, and as a result, the fullness of His blessings was not flowing as it should.

When He showed this to me, I said, “Lord, if I preach sermons that are full of Jesus, and if all my sermons are about Jesus, I think nobody would want to listen to them.” Then, I heard Him say this: “Son, will you still be willing to do it even if nobody comes? Even if nobody wants to hear them, will you still preach every sermon full of Jesus?” I was stunned by His question and I thought through it for a while because as a young pastor, I was ambitious and wanted to grow the church. Then, I said this to Him: “Lord, even if our church becomes smaller after that, I am willing to do it.” I didn’t care anymore whether people would accept it or not. I just began to preach about Jesus Christ and His finished work.

Many years have passed and I now know that the question was a test from the Lord. Our church did not become smaller. On the contrary, it exploded right after
that encounter with the Lord. From only a few hundred people at that time, we have grown to a congregation of more than thirty thousand people. I still remember exactly where I was sitting in my study when God gave me that challenge. And He has given me everything I need to fulfill this calling. He has given me an amazing wife, a wonderful daughter and son, and great leaders to support this call. Everything that He has given me in my life has been to bring me to a place where Jesus can be exalted.

What’s on your heart today? What is your mind occupied with? Are your thoughts filled with faith in Jesus and His love for you, or are they filled with anxieties about the future, fears about your current situation, and guilt and condemnation? “To bring Jesus back” means to return to the place where Jesus and the gospel of grace occupy the center place in your mind, your heart, and your life. Give Jesus center place by believing that He is the answer to every thing you need in life, and begin to walk in His peace, joy, and liberty!

Today’s Thought

I choose to make Jesus, His finished work, and His grace the center of everything in my life today.

Today’s Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that just as the ark was brought to the center place among Your people in
Jerusalem, so I want You to reign in my heart and soul. Today, I want You to take the center place in my life. I believe that You are the answer to everything I need and that Your grace is more than sufficient for me. I thank You that You love me and are always for me. As I keep my eyes on You, I believe that I will walk in a greater measure of peace, joy, liberty, and victory. Amen.

For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2–3 NLT

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2
A Picture of Pure Grace

Today’s Scripture

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

PSALM 118:1 NLT

Years ago, I was sitting in my living room, just spending time in the Word, when the Lord spoke to me and said, “Son, study the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to Mount Sinai, for this is a picture of pure grace. Not a single Israelite died during this period although they murmured and complained.”

I had never heard anyone preach that before or read it in any book. So, feverishly, I turned to that portion of the Scriptures, trying to find someone who had died, so that I could prove God wrong! Have you been there before, trying to prove God wrong? Well, you can never succeed, and indeed, I could not find any Israelite who died even though they murmured and complained.
God had rescued the children of Israel from their Egyptian slave masters by performing great signs and wonders, yet, the children of Israel failed to honor Him, and murmured and complained over and over again. When the Egyptian army came thundering toward them from behind and the Red Sea was before them, the Israelites cried out to Moses saying, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?” (Ex. 14:11). That was a complaint against God, and murmuring and complaining are sins. But what was God’s response? He opened up the Red Sea and they crossed over to dry land on the other side, safe from their enemies.

Then, even after God had brought them safely to the other side of the sea, they complained about the bitter waters at Marah. What was God’s response? He made the bitter waters sweet (Ex. 15:23–25). In the wilderness, they cried out against Moses when they were hungry. What was God’s response? He rained bread from heaven (Ex. 16:2–4). But still, the children of Israel complained. When there was no water again, they cried out against Moses, saying, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” (Ex. 17:3). What was God’s response? He brought water out of the flinty rock.

Every time the children of Israel murmured and complained, it only brought forth fresh demonstrations of God’s favor, supply, and goodness. Why? Because during
that period, the blessings and provisions they received were not dependent on their obedience or goodness. They were dependent on God’s goodness and His faithfulness to the Abrahamic covenant (see Ex. 2:24), which was a covenant of grace.

Can you see what the Lord was showing me? The Israelites’ journey from Egypt to Sinai was a picture of pure grace. Their blessings were not dependent on their goodness but His goodness, not on their faithfulness but His faithfulness. Before the Ten Commandments were given, they were under grace and nobody was punished even when they failed. But immediately after the law was given (Ex. 20), their failure resulted in punishment.

Beloved, the good news is that we are no longer under the old covenant of law. We have been delivered from the law through Jesus’ death on the cross. Because of Jesus Christ, we are now under the new covenant of grace. This means that today, God does not assess and bless us based on our performance, but on His goodness and faithfulness.

If you have been struggling with a challenge for some time now, look away from yourself, your mistakes, your lack, and your imperfections. Look instead at and give thanks for the pure grace God extends to you today because of the finished work of His Son. Let your confidence and trust not be rooted in your imperfect performance, but in His constant and unwavering goodness, love, and undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor toward you, and see Him supply all that you need.
Today’s Thought
Under the new covenant of grace, God does not assess and bless me based on my performance, but on His goodness and faithfulness.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that because of Jesus, I can experience only pure grace from You, where You watch over me, are kind to me, and bless me based on Your goodness and faithfulness, and not my performance. I choose to focus on Your undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor today. I believe that Your favor alone is more than sufficient for all my needs. Amen.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13
The Cross Has Made the Difference

Today’s Scripture

*In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*

**Hebrews 8:13**

Yesterday, we saw a picture of pure grace in the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to Mount Sinai. Even though they murmured and complained, God continued to protect and provide for them. But something tragic happened right at the foot of Mount Sinai, where this system of them being blessed because of God’s goodness and not their own, abruptly came to an end. I want you to see something in this account that has great bearing on us as believers today.

In Exodus 19:8, your English Bible says that at Mount Sinai, the people cried out to Moses, saying, “All that the
Lord has spoken we will do.” In the original Hebrew text, this is actually a statement of pride. They were saying, “All that God requires and demands of us, we are well able to perform!” In other words, they were saying, “God, stop assessing or blessing us based on Your goodness. Start assessing, judging, and blessing us based on our obedience.” What happened was that they effectively exchanged covenants, from the Abrahamic covenant that is based solely on grace, to the Sinaitic covenant that is based on the law.

Up to this point, God had dealt graciously with them. He opened up the Red Sea, rained manna from heaven, and brought water out of the flinty rock, even though they kept murmuring and complaining. But the moment they said those prideful words, God had to change His tone. He told Moses to instruct the people not to go near the mountain, for “whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death” (Ex. 19:12).

Why do you think God changed His demeanor here? It was because man presumed on his own strength and entered into a covenant based on his obedience. This is what we call self-righteousness. Since the people wanted to be judged based on their performance, in the very next chapter, God gave them the Ten Commandments. From then on, because they boasted that they could do all that God commanded, God had to assess them based on His laws. He would bless them if they kept His commandments, but they would be cursed if they failed to obey any commandment, becoming guilty of all (James
Now, after the children of Israel placed themselves under the law, boasting that they could fulfill all that God demanded of them, the works of the flesh immediately manifested. They broke the very first commandment—“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Ex. 20:3)—by fashioning a golden calf and worshiping it as their god (Ex. 32:1–8)! Isn’t that sad? So be careful when you boast of keeping or defending the law, because the works of the flesh will follow soon after.

From that point onward, every time the children of Israel murmured and complained, many of them would die. Observe this: before Sinai, none died. After Sinai, the moment they murmured, they died. Before Sinai, no failure could stem the tide of God’s favor. But now that the Israelites were under the covenant of law, sin had to be punished. Their blessings and provisions no longer depended on God’s goodness, faithfulness, and grace. Under the covenant of law, their blessings depended on their perfect obedience, and every failure and sin would result in judgment and punishment.

You would think that after two thousand years, people would learn, but there are believers today who are still using the same refrain as the children of Israel at the foot of Mount Sinai. They are bragging, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” But to come under this system of the law is to put yourself under an inflexible standard that has to minister death and condemnation. The law condemns the best of us, but grace saves the worst of us.
My friend, instead of fighting to be under the old covenant of law today, realize that because of Jesus Christ, we are now under the new covenant of grace, where God does not assess us based on our performance, but on His goodness and faithfulness. If you are still trying to be justified by your obedience to the law, you are effectively negating for yourself what Jesus has already done for you on the cross! Stop holding on to the old covenant that the Bible says God has already made obsolete. I declare to you that the cross of Jesus has made the difference. It has freed you to receive and experience God’s undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor—His pure grace that is completely dependent on His goodness and faithfulness!

**Today’s Thought**

*The cross of Jesus Christ has freed me to receive and experience God’s undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor—His pure grace that is completely dependent on His goodness and faithfulness.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that the old covenant based on the law and my perfect obedience has been made obsolete and that I never need to win Your love and approval through my own efforts. Thank You that the new covenant of grace is all about what Jesus*
accomplished on the bloodstained cross for me. Because of Him, I can always receive Your love and goodness and walk in Your peace, favor, and victory in every situation. Amen.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

GALATIANS 3:13–14
DAY 68

What Produces Peace in Your Heart?

Today’s Scripture

… giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

COLOSSIANS 1:12

Several years ago, I had the privilege of counseling one of my wife’s close friends. Wendy’s friend was a young Christian who attended another church. Over dinner, she shared that one of her spiritual leaders had told her that the Christian life was difficult, and that she had to suffer for the Lord and pay her dues. She was told that she had to work hard, pray hard, and make sure that she read the Bible every day so that God would be pleased with her.

Once she shared all that with us, I felt that it was my responsibility to tell her the good news. So I shared with
her that we do not read the Bible because we want to qualify for God’s blessings. We read the Bible to find out about our blessings and inheritance in Christ. See the difference? I told her that if I stopped reading the Bible for a few days, I should not be feeling guilty; I should be feeling hungry. God is not pleased with us on the condition that we read the Bible, pray long prayers, and pay our dues. No, absolutely not! He is pleased with us because our trust is in Jesus, who qualified us.

The Bible never said that it is our works that qualify us. Today’s Scripture says, “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.” It is the Father who has qualified us, and He qualified us by sending His Son to save us. He has qualified us to be partakers of His favor, healing, provision, love, joy, peace, and well-being. All these blessings are the inheritance of the saints, purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ. We partake of our inheritance by giving thanks to the Father for sending His Son.

I shared with this lady that she can wake up every day and say, “Father, I thank You that You have qualified me to walk in victory, healing, and supply.” I told her that she should not be racking her brains wondering what she must do to qualify for God’s goodness. His goodness is already hers!

There are too many teachings today telling believers what they must do to qualify for this and that. God’s way is for us to know that through Jesus, we are already qualified.
At the end of the dinner, I said, “Test whatever I have shared with you about the goodness of God, His grace, and Jesus’ work at the cross against what you have been taught. Which produces peace in your heart? Joy and peace are the trademarks of the kingdom of God. God is not the author of confusion.”

She reflected on what I had shared with her and said, “While I may not understand everything about Jesus because I am a baby Christian, I know that all you’ve shared has produced great peace and joy in my heart.”

Let me ask you the same question today: what produces more peace and joy in your heart—to know that God will never punish and condemn you again for your sins because Jesus has already been punished and condemned for you, or to hear that God is sometimes pleased but sometimes angry with you depending on how you perform?

Beloved, the answer is found in Jesus and His finished work. It is found in His grace, not in your own doing. By trying to qualify yourself today for God’s blessings with all your Bible reading, praying, and hard work, you are asking Him to assess and judge you according to your goodness and faithfulness. Is that what you really want? If not, then begin to put your trust in the finished work of Christ today and enjoy peace, joy, and every blessing that flows from His unconditional love for you!
**Today’s Thought**

God is pleased with me because my trust is in Jesus, whose finished work has qualified me for all of God’s blessings.

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You that I don’t have to qualify for or earn Your blessings and love. Thank You that You are pleased with me because my trust is in Jesus, who has qualified me for all Your blessings. I believe that because of the finished work of Jesus, I will enjoy the blessings that flow from Your grace and unconditional love—favor, healing, wisdom, love, joy, peace, and well-being for my family and me. Amen.

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But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Ephesians 1:3

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
2 Corinthians 1:20
God’s Goodness Leads Us to Repentance

Today’s Scripture
…the goodness of God leads you to repentance.
ROMANS 2:4

Are you struggling to live the Christian life today? Your rest is found at the cross of Jesus. If you want to experience success without painful struggling and striving, then realize that it is no longer about you doing this or that right. It is about depending on what Jesus has done for you.

But Pastor Prince, we have to preach God’s law and His judgment, or there will be no repentance from the people.

My friend, God’s heart is never to condemn. We want judgment, but God wants mercy. Today’s Scripture states that “the goodness of God leads you to repentance.” Do you know how Jesus transformed a foul-mouthed
fisherman such as Peter into a pillar of the early church? Being a fisherman, Peter was probably also a big, burly guy. So how did Jesus bring him to his knees? Was it fiery preaching on God’s judgment or a hard sermon on the law of Moses that broke this fisherman? Neither! Jesus blessed Peter with a boat-sinking, net-breaking load of fish, and when Peter saw God’s goodness, he bowed down at Jesus’ feet and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” (Luke 5:8). Now, pay close attention here. Which came first—Peter’s repentance or the goodness of God? Clearly, it was the goodness of God that came first. My friend, it is truly the goodness of God that leads us to repentance!

Nevertheless, there are still people who insist that we have to preach on repentance. Well, I believe that we should do it God’s way—preach the goodness of God and allow the goodness of God to lead people to repentance. Such repentance will be true repentance. It will not be a repentance that is motivated by the fear of God’s judgment and punishment. It will be a genuine repentance that is motivated by His grace, unconditional love, and compassion. After all, our ability to love God stems from our first tasting His love for us. It is when we experience His love for us that we can respond with our love for Him. The Bible says, “We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

Do you know how the Word of God defines love? Apostle John said, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the
propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). This is the Bible’s definition of love. It is not about our love for God, but rather His perfect love for us. As opposed to conventional belief, true repentance from the heart results from a revelation of God’s immense and unyielding love. It is not found in fearing His laws, judgment, and indignation. When Peter saw Jesus’ goodness and love, he fell to his knees in surrender to Jesus.

Carrie is someone who can totally identify with this. Writing to me from Texas, she said:

Although I have been saved for thirty-eight years, most of that time I did not understand God’s grace and His love for me. I lived in fear and torment that God was angry with me because I was not perfect, did things that were wrong, and didn’t repent enough. I read my Bible every day, prayed every day, and I wanted to believe all of the good promises in the Bible. Instead, I believed the lies the devil was telling me, like how I was not good enough, no matter how hard I tried. It created anxiety in me that grew so bad I eventually went to a psychiatrist for help, but didn’t get the help I needed. As the days went on, I became more and more of a wreck.

Then, in December 2009, I came across your television broadcast. As I listened, I couldn’t believe what I was hearing, yet everything you said made so much sense. Soon after that, I bought one of your books at our local Christian bookstore. As I read your book, I started to get an understanding of what Jesus did for us on the cross. I started seeing verses from the Bible that I had
read so many times before in the context of God’s grace and they brought so much peace to my heart and mind.

The beautiful message of grace in your book has truly transformed my life. Since then, I have read the book four or five times. Every time I read it, I get new revelation of how much God loves me and how much I am forgiven of all of my sins, past, present, and future. I now have a wonderful relationship with my wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ, not based on fear as before but based on a revelation of His grace. He has given me His “abundant provision of grace and gift of righteousness” that I could never earn. Now, I live in peace and joy. I am continuing to grow “in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” not out of a sense of obligation, but out of a genuine desire to see more of His love, grace, and beauty.

Do you see, my friend? It is not the preaching of wrath, fiery indignation, and judgment that will cause people’s hearts to turn back to God. This comes through a revelation of His immense goodness, grace, and mercy. When you catch a glimpse of that, like Carrie, you cannot help but be overwhelmed by all that He is, and this will lead to true repentance. Let people come to church to enjoy God’s goodness, because when they are impacted by His grace, true repentance and holiness will surely follow.
Today’s Thought
The more I grow in my revelation of God’s immense and unyielding love and goodness toward me, the more my heart will turn to God and His ways of grace. That is true repentance.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that my relationship with You is based on Your perfect love for me and not my imperfect love for You. Draw my heart and open my eyes to see Your immense and unyielding love and goodness for me. Remove any wrong beliefs that have kept me in fear of condemnation and judgment from You. I believe that as You flood my heart every day with Your unconditional love, You are transforming me effortlessly from the inside out. Amen.

...Your gentleness has made me great.
Psalm 18:35

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
Psalm 103:8
DAY 70

Change the Way You Think

Today’s Scripture

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

ROMANS 12:2 NLT

When you hear preaching declaring that you need to repent, is your first impression of repentance something that involves mourning and sorrow? If we are to repent, it is important that we know what the word “repent” means in the first place. It is the Greek word metanoeo, which simply means “to change one’s mind.” Repentance just means changing your mind.

This means that even if we do not use the word “repent” all the time on God’s people, every time they sit under anointed preaching of His Word, repentance is still
occurring—their minds are being changed about their old beliefs that held them in bondage and receiving the truth that liberates them. Even as you are reading this book, repentance is going on. You are renewing your mind with the good news of Jesus. You are becoming more and more conscious of His finished work and your righteousness in Christ. When you begin to receive the revelation that you are no longer under the old covenant of law, but are now under the new covenant of grace, the Bible calls that repentance!

I want to share a praise report from Dave, who resides in Dallas. His story demonstrates how the truth liberates our minds from old beliefs that keep us in bondage and rob us of joy and victory in our lives:

For a long time, my wife and I believed that though we were saved by grace, it was through our own efforts that we could become the Christians we were called to be. We sat under a ministry that taught you had to walk out your Christian life by doing “good works,” so we both served in the children’s ministry, led Bible study, served the Holy Communion, tithed, and worked at vacation Bible schools during the summer months. We did all this because we were taught that it would “please” God. The sad thing was that the more we tried to “please” God, the less we enjoyed serving Him. Eventually, it became so much like work that we all but stopped serving and became resigned to living a less-than-fulfilling Christian life.

Then, just over a year ago, we came across your
television broadcast. We listened hungrily to what you shared and knew that this was the message and revelation that would change us as Christians.

Every night of the next month, my wife would read aloud excerpts from one of your teaching resources, and we would be amazed at the teachings, examples, and revelations that were in the book (and that would transform our lives). We would discuss them until late at night marveling at the revelation of God’s grace and love. The power of those revelations in the book began a process that is still continuing today. For example, all the thoughts we had about what would please God were radically changed. No longer were we living under a cloud of condemnation because we didn’t read the Bible long enough, didn’t repent and pray enough, didn’t serve enough, or didn’t give enough to enjoy the blessings of God. Faith and love for the Lord just arose in our hearts when we discovered that it wasn’t about us at all, but about the finished work of Jesus on the cross, that it was His righteousness and His righteousness alone that qualified my wife and I for all the blessings of God.

Joy returned to our lives and our relationship with each other changed. No longer were we condemning each other, but loving each other as we experienced God loving us. It changed our relationship with Him and continues to impact our family to this day, as we continue to sit under the ministry of grace. Moreover, the joy of serving has returned to us as it is now an outflow of what God has poured into us through His grace. We no longer see serving Him as
being a “work” but an honor and privilege. We are so grateful to Him for leading us as a couple to feed on His love for us through the finished work of Jesus Christ!

Do you see that what you believe about God powerfully impacts your entire life? When you allow the truth of His love and grace to replace wrong beliefs about Him in your mind, you will find joy, fulfillment, and victory replacing defeat, exhaustion, and bondage in all areas of your life. Keep hearing and feeding on the word of His grace, and like Dave, see Him transform you, your family, and your ministry from glory to glory!

**Today’s Thought**

*I choose to allow God to transform me into a new person by letting the truths of His love and grace replace wrong beliefs about Him.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, thank You that my mind is being renewed as I learn to anchor my thoughts and emotions on Your unshakable Word. No matter what I may be feeling or thinking, help me to always go to Your Word to see my situation as You see it through the lens of Your grace, and to believe what You say. I believe that You are transforming me into a new person as I let the truth of Your grace change what I*
believe and the way I think. Amen.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1–3

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20–22
DAY 71

From Dead Works to a Living Relationship

Today’s Scripture

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

HEBREWS 6:1

Ever kept your eye on the clock while you prayed or read your Bible? Ever felt relieved when the clock showed that you could stop (because you have diligently done your part to merit God’s righteousness) and get on with the rest of your day?

My friend, if you pray because you think that praying makes you right with God, that’s a dead work. But if you pray because you are right with God and you know that He loves you, there is power there. Can you see the difference? It is the same activity—prayer—but the bases
and motivations for doing it are completely different. One is a dead work while the other is a living work born of grace.

Similarly, if you study the Bible because you think that doing so makes you right with God, you have missed it. That’s a dead work. There will be no revelation because you are not flowing with the Spirit of truth, who bears witness with your spirit that you are already right with God. But if you study the Bible because you know that you are right with God and that the Bible is a love letter from the One who made you right, treasures from His Word will open up to you.

Look again at today’s Scripture. Of all the things that make up the foundation of our faith, the Bible exhorts us to “repent from dead works.” Dead works are the so-called “good works” that people do to try to gain righteousness with God. And whether you live your Christian life in dead works or in faith toward God through a revelation of God’s grace can mean the difference between life and death.

Wilson is someone who can testify to this. Writing to me from Australia, he told me how he was handed one of my books by a woman he did not know. She just walked up to him and said she felt led to give it to him. Imagine how that must have sounded to someone who had been burned by legalistic teachings and was trying to get as far away from God as he could for the last two decades. His curiosity piqued, Wilson opened the book…and embarked on a precious journey that has brought healing, wholeness, liberty, and a new, loving relationship with
God. Here is Wilson’s story of that journey in his own words:

Pastor Prince, what can I say? Your book changed my life! After running from God for the last twenty years, I finally stopped and turned back to God because of the way this book explains who God really is and what Jesus did for us on the cross. I now know (and am still learning daily) who I am in Christ.

Through your book, I have discovered that Christianity is not a religion like I thought it was and experienced before. Now I know that God is alive, He truly loves me, and is for me. This is the best thing that has happened to me!

Furthermore, I have given up smoking by following the ways you mentioned in your book and on some DVDs—to look to Jesus as my righteousness and declare I am righteous in Him even if that is the last thing I feel at that moment. You showed me that no matter what I have done or do, Jesus still loves me, and it’s because of this that I have been able to give up smoking. I couldn’t give it up through my own efforts before, but through resting in Him—His love, His righteousness—I have. Besides the cigarette addiction, I have also been set free from twenty years of drug and alcohol abuse and am now free of paranoid thoughts too.

I have also just enrolled in an online Bible college because now I’m hungry to know Him. I get your teachings on Facebook every day, which help me a great deal.
Thank you for being obedient to God’s call on your life. You have helped make the doors to the church even wider for new Christians and also for those who have walked away.

Do you see what an amazing change knowing and believing right about God (and how He deals with us today) can bring? Listen, my friend, God does not want you in dead works—depending on your own efforts to please Him and qualify for His blessings. God wants you having and operating out of a personal and loving relationship with Him, not out of a sense of religious obligation. Dead works will bring you into bondage because it’s all dependent on your own efforts to please God. It will steal the life and joy right out of your Christian walk, like it did for Wilson many years ago.

Today, realize that God’s Word exhorts us to repent (change our minds) from dead works and believe the gospel. How do you do this? See the cross. See how God loves you so much that He sent Jesus, who came down to where you were to bring you up to where He is—something no amount of your self-effort can ever do. Like Wilson, see Jesus’ obedience making you righteous (Rom. 5:19), and praise Him for His marvelous grace! Enjoy His wonderful presence today when you come to Him in prayer or read His Word. Let Him fill your heart, mind, and body with His grace, peace, wholeness, and life.
**Today’s Thought**
When I pray or read the Word knowing I am already right with God and that He loves me, there is power there and His Word will open up to me.

**Today’s Prayer**
Lord Jesus, thank You that because Your obedience at the cross makes me righteous, I can leave behind all dead works and come into Your presence. I can enjoy communing with You every day. I thank You that I can come to You freely in prayer regardless of what I have or have not done, and that I can expect You to speak to me through Your Word when I study the Bible. I believe that You want to have a relationship with me and fill my heart with Your grace, peace, wisdom, and joy. Jesus, I praise You for Your marvelous grace. Amen.

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

MATTHEW 11:28–30 THE MESSAGE
… “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15
DAY 72

One Thing You Still Lack

Today’s Scripture

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:30–31

In Luke 18, a rich, young ruler walked up to Jesus and asked what he had to do to inherit eternal life. If this young man had asked the same thing in most churches today, he would have been told, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.” But that was not what Jesus said to him. Instead, Jesus gave him the law of Moses, saying, “You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother’” (Luke 18:18–23).

Jesus gave him the Ten Commandments. Why? Because the young ruler came with pride, believing that he
could do something to earn and deserve eternal life. Whenever you come boasting in your efforts, Jesus will give you the law of Moses.

Listen to what the young man said in response to Jesus: “All these things I have kept from my youth” (Luke 18:21). Amazing! This man actually claimed that he had kept the Ten Commandments from his youth! Like this rich young ruler and the Pharisees of Jesus’ day, some people really think that they are able to keep all the laws of Moses, not realizing that they have lowered the perfect standard of God’s law. Jesus came to bring the law back to its pristine standard—not only must there be an outward adherence to the law, there must also be an inward adherence. The young man was probably expecting Jesus to compliment him on his law keeping and feeling really confident of himself. But notice what Jesus said to him. Instead of complimenting him, He said, “You still lack one thing.”

You see, every time you boast in your law keeping, Jesus will uncover something that you lack. In this case, He told the young man to sell all that he had, give the money to the poor, and follow Him. The young man had boasted that he had kept all the commandments, yet when Jesus gave him the very first commandment, “You shall have no other gods before Me [not even money]” (Ex. 20:3), look at what happened. The young ruler walked away, sorrowful. Think about the amazing opportunity Jesus gave the man to follow Him, but the man could not because he could not bear to part with his wealth. In all
his boasting, he could not even keep the first commandment.

Today, if you come to the Lord full of self-righteousness, boasting in your ability to keep the law to show Him why He needs to bless you, He will show you that, according to the law, “you still lack one thing.” But if you realize that you are no longer under the covenant of law but under the new covenant of grace, and depend on what Jesus has already done for you to receive His unmerited, undeserved favor, you will see the fullness of His salvation, grace, and blessings readily available for you. It will bring you to a place where you cannot help but see and give God the glory for His grace upon your life (see today’s Scripture).

The key to walking in the fullness of your salvation and in God’s blessings today is to realize that because of the cross, your relationship with God is no longer about your obedience, performance, or love for Him. It’s about Jesus’ love for you and His obedience to the Father that has purchased your righteousness and redemption. And the more you see, depend on, and enjoy His grace, the more His grace works in your heart, giving you the right desires and causing old defeatist ones to fall away.

Whatever your need today, come to the Person of grace. Depend on His grace and His love for you, not your love or your efforts to please Him. Know today that Jesus is your acceptance, righteousness, holiness, provision, and wisdom. In Him is the forgiveness, healing, and restoration you need. Believe in His love for you and allow
Him to lead you to freedom.

Today’s Thought
Whatever it is that I need in my life, I will find it in Jesus.

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You that I don’t have to qualify for or earn Your love and blessings in my life. Thank You for giving me the abundance of Your grace and gift of righteousness that are completely unmerited and undeserved. I humbly receive Your forgiveness, healing, and restoration. I believe that in You I am accepted, righteous, holy, and beloved, and I thank You that I can always depend on Your love. Amen.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8–9 NLT

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
ROMANS 8:32
DAY 73

Grace Opens Your Heart

Today’s Scripture

Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

ROMANS 2:4 NLT

You’ve got to love the story of short, little Zacchaeus, who had climbed a sycamore tree hoping to catch a glimpse of Jesus as He walked by (Luke 19:1–10). Zacchaeus was a corrupt tax collector, a rich sinner. But when Jesus spoke to him, instead of giving him the Ten Commandments, Jesus showed him grace (undeserved favor) and invited Himself to Zacchaeus’ house. Of course, the religious people in the crowd were displeased and gossiped among themselves saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner” (Luke 19:7).

Now, observe what happened in Zacchaeus’ house.
Before the dinner was over, Zacchaeus was giving his wealth away to the poor and making restitution to those whom he had wronged, and Jesus was proclaiming salvation over Zacchaeus’ house.

I believe that it was the Holy Spirit who put this story side by side with that of the rich young ruler whom we considered yesterday. I don’t believe that the two stories in the Gospel of Luke happened chronologically. But I believe that the Holy Spirit placed them in this divine order to show us the contrasting effects of being under the covenant of law and being under the covenant of grace.

When the rich young ruler came boasting in his law keeping, Jesus answered with the law, and the young man walked away sorrowful (Matt. 19:22). But when Jesus gave no law and showed His grace, it not only opened Zacchaeus’ heart, but also the wallet of a once corrupt tax collector. That’s truly the power of grace! It leads one to true repentance. You see, when you experience God’s grace, you can’t help but be generous.

After Jesus lavished His unconditional love and grace on Zacchaeus, his heart overflowed with the undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor of God. Zacchaeus knew deep in his heart that as a sinner and corrupt tax collector, he did not deserve to have Jesus come to his house. But God’s goodness far exceeded his expectations. And just as Peter was brought to his knees when he saw Jesus’ goodness, Zacchaeus was led to repentance when he experienced Jesus’ goodness.

Unlike the young ruler, Zacchaeus knew that he was
undeserving and that is why Jesus was able to shower grace on him. You see, the role of the law is to bring you to a place where you know in no uncertain terms that you cannot do anything to deserve God’s salvation and blessings, and how you can only rely on His grace. His grace will give you all the blessings you need and transform your life. My friend, our heavenly Father is waiting for us to give up on our own efforts. The moment you begin to repent from all the dead works that you have been doing to try to qualify for and deserve God’s acceptance and blessings, God will lavish on you His abundant grace—His undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor.

Today, turn your eyes away from yourself and see yourself enjoying the undeserved favor of God under the new covenant of grace. See yourself forgiven and righteous with Jesus’ righteousness. Be occupied with Him and His grace, and like Zacchaeus, you will be transformed from the inside out.

Today’s Thought

The moment I give up on my efforts to qualify for God’s acceptance and blessings, God will lavish on me His abundant grace—His undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You for Your amazing grace—Your free, undeserved favor and love for me. Thank You that it’s not about my trying, my doing, or my performing to overcome the failures and sins in my life. Help me to be established in Your love and grace so that guilt and condemnation will have no more hold over me. Help me to freely receive Your grace for every area of need. I believe that because of Jesus and Jesus alone—His work, His performance, and His love in my life—I have the power to break out of all that holds me back from reigning abundantly in life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house…”

LUKE 19:8–9

“… Give as freely as you have received!”

MATTHEW 10:8 NLT

Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

PSALM 90:14 NLT
DAY 74

Power to Break Sin’s Dominion

Today’s Scripture

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

ROMANS 6:14

I received a wonderful praise report from Yvette in the United Kingdom, who found the gospel of grace so liberating in one of my books that she read the same book four times in a row. She said, “My life is changed. I have been crying, laughing, sighing, praying, praising God, and speaking to myself while reading—the message of grace is new and different from what I have ever heard.”

Yvette went on to tell me how for the longest time she “did not know how to rest,” so she was always filled with worry, uncertain if God was pleased with her, and if He would answer her prayers. But after she discovered she could rest from her works because of Jesus’ perfect work
that accomplished everything for her, she said, “I am so fulfilled and even now as I write this letter, I am in tears. Finally, I am resting and not worrying. I am enjoying His love. I am the happiest Christian on the face of the planet!”

Believers such as Yvette have been taught to put more confidence in their flesh to keep the law than in the power of the cross, and thus the self-effort through works never ends. They don’t realize that the more they try to keep the law and not sin, the worse it becomes, because “the strength of sin is the law” (1 Cor. 15:56).

Here’s an example of how this truth works out in daily life. Imagine a believer who struggles with lust. He tells the Lord, “Lord, I know that lust is wrong. I do not want to lust, so help me not to lust today. I will obey the law. I will not lust. I will obey the law. I will not lust….” But what do you think his first thought is when he sees an attractive woman? A lustful one! The more he tries not to lust, the more his mind is occupied with lust. And the more he feels condemned for his failures and focuses on his weakness, the worse it becomes.

Now, see what could happen when this Christian, who has a problem with lust, believes in grace. When he wakes up, he tells the Lord, “Lord, I am not even going to try today. I know that I cannot overcome this on my own. Lord, I rest in You. You live the victorious life for me. I cannot overcome lust by my own strength. My eyes are on You. Even though I cannot, I know that You can. Thank You for Your grace. I will just be cool.”

Then, he leaves his home and goes to work. As he is
driving to work, he sees a huge billboard showing a woman in a bikini. And when he feels tempted to lust, he says, “Thank You, Father, I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I know that You are here with me. I have not lost Your presence. Even when I fail, You are with me. Thank You for Your grace.” The temptation comes and the temptation goes. He is at rest. He does not pull over to the side of the road and lament, “Oh God, why is this happening again? Please forgive me, Lord!” because he knows that the more he focuses on his weakness, the stronger it seems to become.

By the way, do you know what people who believe in confessing their sins in order to be forgiven usually do after they have sinned? Many a time, they say to themselves, “Since I’ve already sinned, I’ll continue in this sin and save my confessions for later.” For instance, the man who lusted will say, “Since I’m already guilty of lust, I might as well watch this raunchy movie and indulge in this men’s magazine. Then, I will confess them all at the end of the day.” You see, people who are living under the law and guilt and condemnation are doomed to repeat their sins. They think that since fellowship with God has already been broken, they might as well go all the way and indulge their weaknesses before they reconcile themselves to God.

On the other hand, believers under grace know that they are always righteous and that fellowship with God is never broken. Even when they fail, they know that Jesus is still with them and that they are still righteous in Christ
because their righteousness is a gift. And the more they believe that they are righteous, the more they experience true victory over temptation and sin.

Beloved, when you put yourself under the grace of God, the moment you are tempted, you can receive afresh His grace, His forgiveness, and His unconditional love. And the more you receive His grace, the more sin will have no dominion over you.

Today, rest in your Father’s love, approval, favor, and acceptance that the cross of Jesus has secured for you. Place yourself under His grace and experience victory over every sin, every fear, every sense of guilt, and every addiction in your life!

**Today’s Thought**

*The more I place myself under God’s grace and rest in His love, the more sin will have no dominion over me.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You for unveiling to me the grace of Jesus and the gift of righteousness that is mine through His finished work. I receive Your forgiveness into my heart today, and I thank You that as I live conscious of Your grace in my life, sin shall have no dominion over me. I look forward to a lifetime of victories over every sin, every addiction, and every*
bad habit in my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

…it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

Since God assured us, “I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,” we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I’m fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?

HEBREWS 13:5–6 THE MESSAGE

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

PSALM 91:15
DAY 75

Victorious Living Without Striving

Today’s Scripture

…as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROMANS 5:21

In yesterday’s reading, we saw the difference between those who rely on God’s grace and forgiveness to overcome sin, and those who try to overcome sin by their own efforts. When people put themselves under the law, the moment they are tempted, they condemn themselves, and in that state of guilt and condemnation, are more likely to follow through with that temptation and sin.

On the other hand, when you are under grace and you believe that you are righteous because of the blood of Jesus even when you have failed, your thoughts and actions will come in alignment with your believing. Grace
gives you the power to rise above temptation and be victorious over sin.

As a pastor who has been in the ministry for many years, I have had the privilege of witnessing as well as hearing wonderful testimonies of how grace transforms lives, even those wrecked by sin for decades. Here is a beautiful testimony from Jean. Writing to me from Michigan, she shared:

Pastor Prince, I’ve been a Christian for most of my life but until I began listening to you teach about God’s grace, I never understood what true forgiveness of ALL my past, present, and future sins really meant.

Even as I’m typing this now, I’m full of excitement because of all that God has done through the blood of Jesus at Calvary and His precious Holy Spirit in my life. Before I heard the message of grace, a cloud of guilt and condemnation always hung over and followed me. It prevented me from having any kind of peace even though I believed in God.

You see, I was addicted to drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes for many years. I knew that what I was doing was wrong, but I could not free myself from my addictions even though I kept trying to. However, after listening to many of your messages on God’s grace, I began to see changes in my life. Now, not only have I been delivered from alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes, I also have the peace of mind as well as joy and contentment I never thought were possible.
I’ve heard you say before that if people knew about God’s grace, they wouldn’t want to sin. I want you to know that this has been so true of my life. When I experienced God’s love and grace, I didn’t become more addicted, but the addictions lost their grip on me. Today, I am happy to say that I live with a sense of continuous peace, and I can’t begin to tell you how good it feels to be sober and completely off drugs and alcohol. Before this happened, I had thought I would die a drunk and a drug addict.

Through the revelation of God’s grace, I have truly been changed from the inside out. My thinking has been totally transformed, and I’ve since let go of unforgiveness, a bondage that almost destroyed me completely. I just couldn’t figure out how to totally let go until I understood the grace of God in my own life.

Please continue to teach the grace of God. I know that many other lives will be changed as a result, for if God can make this miraculous change in my life, He can do it for anyone.

Jean and so many others have found that where their own self-efforts could not free them from the power of sin and deep addictions, grace effortlessly did. My friend, if you are grappling with a sin or an addiction right now, stop struggling and start receiving. Grace empowers you to reign over sin through a revelation of the abundance of the Lord’s unmerited favor. Start receiving the healing power of His forgiveness and the free gift of His righteousness. His grace will lift you up to reign in victory!
Today’s Thought
It is the revelation of God’s grace that produces true and lasting victory over sin and addictions in my life.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that because of what Jesus did at the cross for me, I know that I am always righteous and my fellowship with You is never broken, not even when I fail. Thank You for the gift of Your undeserved favor and for the power of grace and forgiveness that is transforming my life for Your glory. I believe that Your grace is empowering me to reign over sin and every bondage in my life. Amen.

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17 NLT

“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

John 8:36
DAY 76

The Superabundance of God’s Grace

Today’s Scripture

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.

ROMANS 5:20

In the Book of Romans, the apostle Paul said, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” (Rom. 6:1). Obviously, Paul was preaching the grace of God so radically that he was misunderstood and accused of telling people to sin more so that grace may abound. Of course, that was not the case.

Paul never said, “Let us sin more so that grace may abound” (and by the way, neither have I). Sin is evil, and it leads to destructive consequences. But have you noticed in today’s Scripture what it is that actually causes sin to increase?
Read today’s Scripture again. Paul states very clearly that *the law entered* so that sin might abound. What this means is that the more you preach the law, the more sin will abound. After all, the strength of sin is the law (1 Cor. 15:56). Therefore, when you see sin and you preach more of the law, you are adding wood to fire!

In saying that “where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,” Paul meant this: *sin does not stop God’s grace from flowing, but God’s grace will stop sin.* Ask yourself which is greater, your sins or God’s grace? The answer is obvious. God’s grace is always greater! In fact, when you read “where sin abounded, grace abounded much more” in the original Greek, it actually says that where sin abounded, grace *superabounded.* Greek scholar Kenneth Wuest captures this well in his translation of the verse: “where sin increased, grace superabounded, and then some on top of that.” How cool is that!

What Paul is saying is that where there is sin, where there is “a failing to hit the mark” (definition of “sin” by *Thayer’s Greek Lexicon*), that’s exactly where you will find God’s grace—His unmerited favor for your empowerment and victory—in superabounding measure. Isn’t that amazing? Contrary to traditional thinking, God’s grace does not abandon you when you miss the mark. What a comfort and source of strength it is to know that His grace doesn’t leave us, but is right in the midst of our painful weaknesses, failings, and less-than-perfect situations to empower us to reign over them all!
My friend, maybe you have been struggling with a certain weakness or failing in some area of your life. It could be anger, unforgiveness, or an addiction that you can’t seem to kick. I encourage you to increase your exposure to God’s grace. Keep hearing preaching on the beauty of the person of Jesus and His finished work. Keep meditating on His love and what He has accomplished for you on the cross because grace is the only power that can stop sin in its tracks in your life.

When you fail, instead of feeling guilty and condemned, receive the superabounding grace of God that tells you that you are still righteous in Christ. It is His superabounding grace that will rescue you from that sin. Those who wallow in guilt and condemnation are the ones who have no ability to overcome their sins. Since they believe that God’s grace has departed, what hope can they have? Victory over sin comes only when people encounter the superabundance of God’s grace. It is His grace that has made sinners righteous!

Don’t miss out on this powerful revelation. This is the gospel of Jesus! Because all your sins have been punished in the body of your substitute, Jesus Christ, God’s righteousness is on your side, demanding your justification and forgiveness. That’s why, even when you fail, God’s grace will superabound and swallow up your failure that has been paid for at Calvary. Hallelujah!
Today’s Thought
In the midst of my failures and weaknesses, I choose to see and receive God’s superabounding grace in those very areas. It is His grace that empowers me to reign over them.

Today’s Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank You that in the very place where sin abounds in my life, Your grace is abounding much more, because it has all been paid for at Calvary. Thank You that Your grace will stop sin. I believe that even when I have failed, You have not left me, but Your unmerited, underserved favor that is greater than all my failures surrounds me still. I believe Your superabounding grace is right now forgiving me, healing me, providing for me, and transforming my weaknesses into strengths. Amen.

O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.

PSALM 130:7

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9
DAY 77

See the Impossible Happen

Today’s Scripture
“… as you have believed, so let it be done for you…”
MATTHEW 8:13

I believe with all of my heart that the gospel of grace will lead one to victorious living in Christ Jesus. I will keep preaching the radical grace of God because I want to see lives radically transformed and believers living with true victory over every destructive habit and sin. If you understand that God’s justice has already been executed at the cross, you will see that today, as a new covenant believer under grace, God’s holiness, righteousness, and justice are on your side demanding your acquittal, deliverance, healing, and provision. Yes, God’s justice today demands that you have and enjoy all the benefits of the cross.

When you wholeheartedly believe and rest in the
finished work of Christ and His love, you will experience the superabounding grace of God extending into all areas of your life. Look at the following praise report I received from Rita, a single mom who always wanted to homeschool her kids, but just didn’t think it was possible, given her situation. Nevertheless, when she heard the gospel of grace, she began to trust and believe God for His favor and goodness. This is her amazing story:

*Pastor Prince, the only single moms I know are always stressed, worried, and lacking in finances. I told the Lord that I didn’t want to be a single mom working a few jobs just to make ends meet and having no time for my kids. I believed that He could make our lives glorious and a testimony of His abundant provision. So I began to confess that because of Jesus, God is our provider.*

*By His grace, I rose to be a top professional in my field and received numerous awards. God continued to bless us abundantly, including providing us with a better place to live. I even asked the Lord to make my job hours flexible so I could pick up my kids after school, and He did!*

*Nevertheless, I desired to homeschool my children as I was seeing so many negative changes in them from attending the public school. Sensing that I was being led by the Holy Spirit, yet not knowing how I could ever manage homeschooling and working full time, I cast all my cares to God. I remember you saying that the best place to be is one where you are totally dependent upon*
God for everything!

I just rested, meditated on His Word, and let Him lead me. As a result of His favor, I was able to enroll my kids in a state-funded homeschool program, with full curriculum, books, and teacher availability—all for free! Amazing!

And if that was not enough, God blessed me with the finances to pay for a nanny to come in to supervise and teach my kids while I was away working. The arrangement seemed great, but I kept hearing from the Lord that I needed to rest in Him and keep on receiving. So I continued to ask the Lord to let me stay home full time to homeschool my kids. I believe that as their mother, I am anointed to teach and parent them, and I wanted to be home to do so. And the Lord answered my prayer!

I was led to resign from my position, even though I didn't know at that time what my next step would be. I just trusted the Lord. I didn’t want to depend on my paycheck from work or let anything else dictate how I raised my family. I knew that if the Lord had put the desire in my heart, He would supply everything I needed. And indeed, He blessed me with a new position, making considerably more money than I had been, and I work from home every day! I only travel into the office four days a month, and it’s so restful and easy compared to my previous job.

Only Jesus can give me a job where I work from home and make more money, have more peace, and can homeschool my children. This is all by His grace! He keeps on blessing and blessing, and I just continue to
receive more in every area of my life! The gospel is so good—it’s no wonder the enemy wants to blind our eyes. But thank God, I see more and more of Jesus each day, and He has changed my life. I know His ear is attentive to all my prayers because He has made me righteous forever. I’m blessed superabundantly, all by His grace and His grace alone!

That’s what it’s all about, my friend. When you start to believe God for His favor and goodness, even what seems impossible happens, because all the benefits of the cross are there for you to enjoy! So believe and be rooted in the superabounding grace of God for you and don’t let wrong believing rob you of a life of great joy and peace. Your freedom, breakthrough, and provision are in Christ Jesus, your Lord and Savior.

Today’s Thought

As a new covenant believer under grace, God’s holiness, righteousness, and justice are on my side demanding that I have and enjoy all the benefits of the cross.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You for the truth of Your radical grace that liberates me to enjoy every benefit and blessing Your Son, Jesus, has already purchased for me at
the cross. Thank You that You know every detail in my life and that Your grace extends into every area. I believe that as a new covenant believer under grace, Your holiness, righteousness, and justice are on my side demanding that I have and enjoy all the benefits of the cross—Your favor, protection, deliverance, healing, and provision. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle’s!

Psalm 103:2–5 NLT

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!

Psalm 68:19
DAY 78

Never Mix Law and Grace

Today’s Scripture

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

GALATIANS 3:1–3

Do you know why many believers today have a confused perspective of God? For example, many believers think that God is sometimes angry with them, but at other times pleased with them. And while they would personally never hurt their own children this way, many believers today think that their heavenly Father would actually punish them with sicknesses and
diseases. What accounts for this apparent “schizophrenia” that exists in the body of Christ today?

The answer lies in a mixture of covenants (or “Galatianism”) that is prevalent in the church of Jesus Christ. During Paul’s day, the church in Galatia was struggling with this intermingling of teachings about God that contains a little bit of the law as well as a little bit of grace—a mixture of covenants. From the severity of Apostle Paul’s tone to the Galatians, it is obvious that Paul regarded this issue very seriously.

You might expect Paul to be more upset with the believers in Corinth, who were involved in all kinds of public sins and immoral activities, but he was not. His intense reaction toward the church in Galatia reveals what is of priority to God. It is clear that in God’s eyes, believing the wrong doctrine is worse than exhibiting wrong behavior!

When it came to wrong behavior in Corinth, Paul was cool and collected toward the believers. He was able to handle their wrong behavior because he knew that the grace of God was able to take care of their spree of wrong behavior. That is why he was able to speak positively to them, even telling them, “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus” (1 Cor. 1:4). But when it came to wrong doctrine in Galatia, he rebuked the believers there because they nullified God’s grace by mixing it with the law.

In the very first chapter of Galatians, Paul says, “I marvel...” or as you and I would say today, “I am
appalled…” What appalled him? Paul continues, “…that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ” (Gal. 1:6–7). Paul had preached the gospel of grace to the Galatians, but he found that there were Judaizers who introduced elements of the law to them. They mixed God’s grace with the law, causing the Galatians to turn away from the pure grace of Christ. They said, “Yes, it’s good that you are saved by grace, but it’s not enough for you to just have Jesus. You must also know and abide by the law of Moses and be circumcised to be pleasing to God.”

This mixture of law and grace angered Paul. You see, if you have wrong behavior, as long as there is grace in the church, grace will teach and give you the power to overcome your wrong behavior. But if there is no grace in the church, or if grace is mixed with the law and nullified, then what hope is there for overcoming your wrong behavior?

Beloved, wrongly believing a mixture of law and grace leads you down a path of defeat and will keep you trapped in paralyzing captivity. Right believing in the pure, unmixed gospel of grace, on the other hand, is the door out of this vicious cycle of defeat and bondage. Today, begin to believe right by choosing to know and believe in the true gospel of grace. Believe that Jesus’ finished work has cleansed and forgiven you, and made you righteous with His own righteousness in the eyes of Almighty God. I pray
that as you turn to the person of Jesus who has saved you to the uttermost by His sacrifice on the cross, you will begin to experience your breakthrough and lasting victory!

**Today’s Thought**

*Right believing in the pure, unmixed gospel of grace—not a mixture of law and grace—is the door out of a vicious cycle of defeat and bondage.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that You haven’t left me to wonder what I am to believe about You. Thank You for revealing to me through Your Word that you don’t want my eyes and heart to be turned away from Jesus by allowing mixture to come in. I ask that Your Holy Spirit establish right beliefs that are based on Your eternal truths in my heart and mind. As I receive and meditate on the pure, unmixed gospel of grace, I believe that You are turning every area of defeat and bondage into lasting victory! Amen.*

*And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.*
For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:11–12 NIV
DAY 79

Why God Hates Mixture

Today’s Scripture
“Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

Galatians 2:16 NLT

Have you realized that while many believers will say that they have been saved by grace, they nevertheless still subject themselves to the law of the old covenant? In many places today, you will still hear teachings like, “Yes, you are saved by grace, but now that you are saved, you had better not take it for granted. You have to start living a holy life by keeping the Ten Commandments to stay saved.” This is called mixture—you have a little bit of grace and a little bit of law. Many
believers think that this—balancing law and grace—is all right. However, the Lord has shown me that *what man calls balance, God calls mixture.*

My friend, you cannot balance law and grace (see Rom. 11:6). Your justification is either entirely a work of God’s grace or it is by your own works. It is never Jesus plus something you do. His grace will be nullified when you add even a little of your own efforts to be justified. This is serious. God hates mixture (see Rev. 3:15–16).

Many believers who say that they believe in God’s grace are still depending on the “works of the law” or their obedience to the law to earn, merit, and deserve God’s blessings. When they do well in their own estimation, they expect to be blessed. But when they fall short and fail, they heap on themselves guilt and condemnation and expect to be punished. Unfortunately, the more they focus on their own efforts or obedience, the more they are subject to condemnation and the more they are mired in a cycle of defeat.

Diane from Indiana understands this firsthand. For thirteen years, she struggled with a sin she had committed and would not forgive herself for. She explained, “I felt driven by guilt to punish myself daily for that sin and refused to forgive myself. I believed that I had hurt God and, therefore, He would not bless me anymore. I believed that He was testing my faith and any failure on my part to show Him how sorry I was meant that I was unworthy to receive any kind of goodness from Him.” Over the years, this wrong believing and struggle led to
depression, a hopeless sense of defeat, and sickness entering Diane’s life.

Diane’s breakthrough came when she got hold of my book, *The Power of Right Believing*, and read what I had shared about condemnation and self-righteousness. “God began to reveal to me the power and total forgiveness for me found in the blood of Jesus,” she said. “After all these years, my heart suddenly saw the light. Finally, I understood what I had been doing all these years by refusing to forgive myself. I had been negating the blood of Christ, something I never wanted to do.”

I’m going to let Diane describe further how the gospel of grace began to set her free and bring hope, joy, and purpose back into her life:

> God opened my heart and for the first time in my life, I completely understood what forgiveness truly is. Jesus died to take away the sins of the whole world whether the whole world knows it or not. Since I have been forgiven much, how can I honestly refuse to forgive others or even myself?

> Pastor Prince, thank you so much for sharing the gospel of grace. I have been a born-again, baptized believer for eighteen years, but only by hearing your teaching on grace have I been set free from wrong believing. Many Christians do not understand in their hearts that their sins are completely forgiven—I didn’t until the Lord opened my heart through listening to you preach.

> Because of the preaching of a mixed gospel in the
church, a confusing message of law and works plus grace, I, like many others, was kept in bondage. I did not truly know who I am in Christ—I was suffering from an identity crisis. This mixture I was hearing kept me defeated, depressed, sick, and dying. I thank God every day for the life-giving revelation of His grace that has set me free and released abundant favor into my life! Now I know that to receive His grace is what He wants for His children.

My friend, today, we are under the new covenant of grace. God doesn’t want us under the old covenant of law anymore, where we are blessed only when we obey the law and cursed when we fail to. He wants us living completely under His grace—His undeserved, unmerited, and unearned favor.

We also need to understand that the moment we try to merit His free favors, His grace is nullified. In the new covenant, we are blessed on account of His Son and what He did on the cross. It has nothing to do with our performance or ability to keep the law. So don’t be like those people who profess that they are in the new covenant, but still have an old covenant mentality by trying to be justified by their law keeping. Like Paul, recognize the problem with mixture. Don’t let it get into your heart because the consequences are serious—when you think you can still save yourself, God’s grace cannot flow. You cannot earn, work for, or merit His grace.

Beloved, all of God’s grace and blessings are wrapped
up in Christ and Him alone (see Rom. 8:32). Whatever it is you need today, turn to your loving Savior. See how He has accomplished everything for you to freely receive from Him the breakthrough, healing, protection, wisdom, and supply you need.

Today’s Thought

I believe that I am made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by my perfect obedience to the law. Jesus alone is the basis for my acceptance before God and my receiving His blessings.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You for showing me that You want me to live only by Your grace today. I ask You to eradicate in me the erroneous belief that I have to work to earn my salvation or Your blessings. I acknowledge that there is nothing I can ever do to earn Your love and blessings in my life. I humbly receive the abundance of Your grace and believe with all my heart that Christ alone is my righteousness. I thank You that You have already given me all things in the gift of Your Son, Jesus, including whatever it is I need today to reign victoriously. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
“I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

GALATIANS 2:21

But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

ROMANS 4:5 nlt
DAY 80

Free from “Am I Doing Enough for God?”

Today’s Scripture

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

MARK 2:22

Have you ever wondered what Jesus was referring to when He shared on the new wine and old wineskins? He was referring to the mixture of the two covenants. The new wine represents the new covenant of grace, while the old wineskin represents the old covenant of law. Have you ever seen old wineskins? They are brittle, hard, and inflexible. That’s the law. It is inflexible. And when you pour the new wine of grace into the old wineskin of the law, you will lose both because the wineskin will be ruined and the wine will be spilled. The virtues of both the old and
the new covenants will be cancelled out and lost.

I received a letter from Kirsten in Florida whose experience with mixing law and grace was similar to the Galatians. When she received her salvation at the age of seventeen, she experienced unconditional love for the first time in her life as God’s mercy and grace washed over her. In the beginning, she said that church was a joy as they worshiped, shared, and prayed. But within a few years, she succumbed to a works mentality and began searching the Scriptures to discover what she needed to do. Having lost her joy and peace, she was tormented by thoughts of “not doing enough for God.”

Kirsten’s hope was reignited when she chanced upon one of my television broadcasts. She said, “That tiny spark of hope later burst into flames and set me free. Wow! God’s grace is real and it doesn’t depend on my ‘doing enough for Him.’ No more works that are motivated by guilt and shame that left me exhausted, overwhelmed, and drained. My peace and joy returned a hundred-fold, and I was able to relax and enjoy my relationship with God, my family, and my church.”

That wasn’t all. Her revelation of God’s grace put a newfound peace and rest in her heart such that when the economic downturn in 2008 wrecked America financially and affected her family, she chose to rest and believe that God would provide for her family. “I prayed one morning for God to give us something that day based solely on His grace and not our efforts,” she said. “Less than thirty minutes later, my husband’s former employer called him
and asked if he wanted his old job back! My husband now earns as much as he did in his best year prior to the downturn. God’s grace is amazing!”

Beloved, don’t allow a mixture of law and grace to invade your heart and mind. God hates mixture because it robs you of the freedom, peace, and joy that come from resting in His Son’s finished work. It robs you of the power to reign in life through the abundance of His grace! You cannot put new wine into old wineskins. You will lose both. But if you just focus and meditate on His grace and goodness toward you and your family, like Kirsten, you will see His grace abundantly provide for you.

Today’s Thought

I will not live under a mixture of law and grace because it robs me of the power to reign in life. That comes only through receiving the abundance of His grace and gift of righteousness alone!

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You that Your new covenant of grace is all about how much You love me unconditionally and what Jesus has accomplished for me. I thank You that I don’t have to live under a set of inflexible laws to try to do enough works to love and please You. I believe that as I depend on Your grace and enjoy my relationship with You, You will give me the right inward
motivation to walk in Your love, wisdom, and peace in all areas of my life. I believe that I have the power to reign in life through the abundance of Your grace!

Amen.

... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**HEBREWS 9:14**
Today’s Scripture

*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

**GALATIANS 5:4 KJV**

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, “fallen from grace”? Today, when someone sins, ministers say that the person has “fallen from grace.” Yet, interestingly, when the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he *never* told the Corinthians that they had fallen from grace despite all their sins.

Today’s Scripture gives us the true definition of “falling from grace.” It tells us that to fall from grace is to fall into the law, that is, to try to be justified by obeying the law. Notice from here that *grace* is the high ground. In other words, when you are under the law, you have fallen from your high ground of grace. In the same way the mercy seat in the ark of the covenant is positioned above the Ten
Commandments, so falling from grace is to go back to the Ten Commandments.

I want you to know what the Scriptures really say about falling from grace so that you don’t rob yourself of the power to reign in life. When you fail, don’t have this idea that you have “fallen from grace” and then try by your own efforts to get back into “the good graces” of God. No, God’s grace cannot be merited, earned, or deserved. It can only be received. And you become a good receiver of His grace that empowers you to reign in life when you come to the end of yourself—to the end of your own efforts to save yourself. When you see your need for Jesus and receive and rest in His finished work (especially when you have failed), that is when God’s undeserved favor—His saving grace—is unleashed in your life.

Miriam, who lives in Texas, found this to be so true in her life:

*Pastor Prince, I was a believer for a long time but was very frustrated in my Christian walk because I was not living a victorious life. I was angry at the church, angry at God, and questioning what this life in Jesus Christ was about. I was also angry with my family, particularly my son for his rebellious behavior. According to the teachings I’d received and what I was doing to obey them, everything was supposed to be smooth going. I started taking early morning walks and pouring my heart out to God. I told Him how frustrated I was and asked Him to show me where I’d gone wrong. I also told*
Him that I couldn’t love my son for what he was. I asked God to love my son, because even though I couldn’t, I knew He could.

I gave Him all my anger and started to see improvements in those areas where I had struggled. I told God I just wanted to live the life Jesus came to give me, because I didn’t believe Jesus went through the horrible death for me to live a defeated life.

Shortly after that, I read a book of yours and realized that I was living under a mixture of law and grace. I began learning to keep my eyes on Jesus’ finished work and to rely on Him for the kingdom life. No one had ever taught me the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love given to us by Father God through the finished work of His Son, and I had never understood what living a new creation life in Christ Jesus was.

I’ve since learned that it’s not about my trying to believe or my trying to be good to earn God’s grace. I’ve learned that it’s a free gift, and my response now is always, “Thank You, Father God, for loving me so much and giving me this abundance of Your grace and the free gift of righteousness through Jesus Christ.” Your teaching of the grace of our Lord Jesus has changed my focus to see Jesus’ love and finished work. My heart’s desire is to be the light in the world, representing Jesus in spirit and in truth, and to be transformed into His image by the Holy Spirit from the inside out!

And praise God, my relationship with my son has been restored because I allowed Father God to love him. Now, I
always see my son through His eyes.

My friend, just as Miriam did, it is time for you to come out of mixture, confusion, and defeat. It’s time to break free from the crippling grip of all that has held you back. How? By falling into the arms of grace. Grace is the high ground that God wants you standing upon. Only the grace of God has the power to get you out of the cycle of sin and failure. The good news is, you can embrace the undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor of our Lord today and begin to have dominion over sin!

**Today’s Thought**

*The good news is, I can embrace the undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor of our Lord today and begin to have dominion over sin!*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that by Your grace, You are breaking the grip of all that has kept me bound and freeing me more and more to live an abundant life. I acknowledge that I can never meet the law’s unyielding standard and that only Your grace has the power to get me out of the cycle of sin and failure. I believe that as I embrace Your undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favor today, I will begin to have dominion over sin! Amen.*
For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God’s grace.

**Galatians 5:4 nlt**

Now that we are set right with God by means of this sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way.

**Romans 5:9 the message**

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

**Galatians 2:16**
Have you ever felt like you needed more faith? Have you ever looked at yourself and told yourself that if you just had more faith, you would see your financial breakthrough or healing?

My friend, I have good news for you today: faith is not a struggle. The Scriptures show us that the hearing of faith and the works of the law are total opposites (see Gal. 3:2, 5). And since the works of the law are about our self-efforts, there is no self-effort in faith.

For years, my own ministry was a ministry that disqualified people. I would tell my congregation, “There’s nothing wrong with God, nothing wrong with His Word, so there must be something wrong with you!” But one day, I
heard the Lord speaking to me on the inside. He said, “Stop disqualifying My people! My blood has already qualified them. Stop disqualifying them!”

Now, I know that faith is the opposite of the law, and that the more people become self-conscious, and the more they look at their self-efforts to receive from the Lord, the more faith is depleted from them. So when the Lord opened my eyes to grace, I changed what I was preaching entirely and began to declare, “There’s nothing wrong with God, nothing wrong with His Word, and guess what? Through the blood of Jesus, there’s nothing wrong with you! Receive your miracle!”

Hallelujah! Once I stopped pointing the people to what was wrong with them and pointed instead to what was right with them because of Jesus, faith was imparted, and we began to experience an explosion of healing miracles like never before. Cancers were healed, tumors were supernaturally removed, and lives were transformed. That is what happens when believers know that they have been made righteous by the blood of Jesus. They begin to understand that they have the blood-bought right to be healed, to experience financial breakthroughs, and to enjoy restoration in their marriages!

When people begin to see more of Jesus, when they begin to become more and more conscious of Jesus having been crucified on their behalf, faith no longer is a barrier to receiving God’s promises. Why? Because the more they see what Jesus has done for them, the more they see what Jesus has qualified them for, the more faith
Beloved, you don’t have to wish that you had more faith for whatever miracle you are asking God for right now. You don’t have to try to conjure up more faith. Simply see Jesus on the cross for you, and the faith you need to face any situation or challenge will come into your life. Just look to Jesus and His grace toward you! He is the author and finisher of faith (Heb. 12:2). Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. The more of Jesus and His love you hear, the more faith rises in your heart. Get hold of teachings that preach all about Jesus and His finished work. Make it your priority to listen to the good news preached. There is power in the gospel of Jesus Christ! Reach out and receive your miracle from your loving Savior today!

Today’s Thought

The more I see what Jesus has done for me, the more I see what Jesus has qualified me for, the more faith springs up within me and miracles break forth in my life.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank You that faith is not a struggle because there is no self-effort involved in faith. I thank You that all I have to do is believe that I have been
qualified and made righteous by the blood of Jesus, and faith will be imparted. I believe that the more I see what Jesus has done for me, the more I see what Jesus has qualified me for, the more faith springs up within me and miracles break forth in my circumstances. Amen.

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

GALATIANS 3:5
I attended a conference years ago and remember hearing about all kinds of things that we had to do to work the miracles of God. For instance, we were told that we had to pray long prayers. Please don’t misunderstand me. I am not saying that there is no place for long prayers. I love going to my Abba to just spend time talking to Him. I have also taught our church about the importance of praying, especially praying in the Spirit regularly. But is the secret to having miracles take place in your life found in praying, or even in fasting forty days and forty nights, as others
say?

Some people think they can twist God’s arm with their efforts and convince Him that they deserve a breakthrough or miracle from Him. Do you really think that because you have fasted or prayed for long periods of time, God is impressed with you and has to answer your prayers? Come on, my friend, the only reason God answers our prayers today is the finished work of Jesus. Don’t be deceived any longer. God is a debtor to no man. No man can deserve God’s blessings through his self-efforts. It is not about our sacrifices. It is about His sacrifice!

All God sees is the work of His Son on the cross, and by virtue of Jesus, all His blessings and His miracle-working power are yours when you believe in His Son. Read today’s Scripture carefully for what Paul said to the Galatians who were depending on their self-efforts. Then, consider all the people who received miracles from Jesus during His ministry on earth. Not a single one of them deserved it. They did nothing to earn their miracles. They simply received their miracles because of His grace.

A few years ago, the Lord spoke to me and said, “When My people see My grace, I see their faith.” Do you remember the woman with the issue of blood who had been bleeding for twelve years? According to the law of Moses, she was considered unclean and was not supposed to be out in public places, much less touch anyone. Yet, the Bible tells us that “when she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment” (Mark 5:27).
She must have heard the wonderful testimonies of the people Jesus had touched and healed, and these accounts opened her eyes to see Jesus as a gracious Savior overflowing with mercy and compassion. The result? Faith ignited in her and the moment she touched the hem of His garment, she received her miracle. Was she ever conscious of her faith? No, she was conscious only of Jesus and His grace. When she saw His grace, He turned around and saw her faith. With great tenderness, He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well…” (Mark 5:34).

My friend, you do not have to try to conjure up faith for healing or finances. Faith for any breakthrough or miracle in your life springs forth when you see His grace. He died so that you might live! You did not deserve it, but He still did it for you. See Jesus on the cross for you—the demonstration of His unconditional love and amazing grace. And when you see His grace, you will have unconscious faith to receive your miracle!

**Today’s Thought**

*When I see Jesus and His grace and goodness toward me, faith unconsciously arises in my heart for my miracle.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, thank You that faith for my miracle is not*
something I have to conjure or try to jack up. Instead, faith will just arise in my heart when I am conscious of Jesus, His grace, and His love toward me. Thank You that You want to bless me and supply my needs according to the riches of Your grace, which is much, much greater than all my needs put together. Because I know You love me and the cross of Jesus has removed every barrier to receiving from You, right now, I simply receive all that I need from You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

LUKE 12:32

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:13
DAY 84

The Secret to Great Faith

Today’s Scripture

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”...Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

MATTHEW 8:10, 13

Do you know that there were only two people in the Bible whom Jesus said had “great faith”? The first was the Roman centurion whose servant was healed by Jesus’ word (Matt. 8:5–13). The second was the Syro-Phoenician woman, whose demon-possessed daughter was also healed by Jesus (Matt. 15:21–28). I encourage you to take a minute and read both accounts from your Bible right now, before proceeding with the rest of today’s
As I was reading these two accounts one night, the Lord said to me, “Son, look for the common denominator between these two people and you will discover the secret to great faith.”

I had always thought that the secret to the centurion’s great faith was that he understood authority. Because he was a military man of authority, he thus understood the authority of the Lord Jesus. But that does not apply to the woman, who was probably a homemaker. So what’s the common denominator to their great faith? After I had tried to figure it out for a while, the Lord said to me, “Both were Gentiles. They were not Jews. Neither of them were under the law of Moses, and therefore they did not disqualify themselves. They were not under condemnation by the law, and so they could have great faith to receive from Me.” Wow, what a powerful revelation! They were both not under the law, which is the opposite of faith, that’s why they could have great faith!

The Bible itself plainly says that “the law is not of faith” (Gal. 3:12). And in another place it says, “For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect” (Rom. 4:14). You see, the law will disqualify people from receiving any blessing from the Lord. It is only faith in His grace that qualifies God’s people and stirs up great faith unconsciously to receive what they need from the Lord. This is the secret to having great faith for any situation in your life!

I see this so clearly in the experience of Naomi who
lives in South Africa. She became unemployed and was left with no place to stay, having been rejected by her family. She and her son ended up finding shelter in a village with a poor family in deplorable conditions, sometimes eating food taken out of dustbins. Despite extreme hardship, she wrote:

_I truly believed that the Lord was in full control of my life and that things were in the process of changing. Through it all, I chose to put all my faith in God, knowing that He would restore and change my life. I knew that God loved me and that it hurt Him to see me go through all of this. I also knew that He would bring to pass what He had promised in His Word._

_During that period, I fed on God’s Word and His grace and chose to focus on the many blessings I was already enjoying—health, joy, peace, and having Jesus in my life. A year later, the Lord blessed me with a good job, a car, a home, and a wonderful man who is also madly in love with Jesus. My son also sleeps peacefully now. We are sold out to Jesus and the gospel of grace, sharing it wherever we go._

_Here is the key to Naomi’s faith. She said, “Thank you, Pastor Prince, for revealing the beauty of our Lord Jesus in such a simple but powerful way. It just made me fall in love with Jesus.”_”

“My friend, the more you see Jesus—His beauty and His finished work of grace—the more faith arises in your
heart. You will have unconscious faith to believe what God’s Word says about you and to ask boldly of Him. It’s truly all about Jesus, seeing His love, and allowing Him to love you and be gracious to you!

**Today’s Thought**

*The secret to having great faith for any situation in my life is to see more and more of Jesus, His grace, and His finished work.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, I thank You that You truly love me and care about everything I am going through. Thank You for Your finished work that has qualified me to receive and enjoy every blessing. Today, I choose to focus on Your love and compassion for me. I choose to fix my eyes on how You gave up everything for me so that I can have every good blessing—wisdom, protection, healing, and abundant supply. I believe that Your superabounding grace reigns in my situation, and because it does, I shall receive my breakthrough. Amen.*

“*Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*”
And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 9:10
I believe with all of my heart that as you come under grace and are delivered from the works of the law, faith will no longer be a struggle or barrier because you will walk with unconscious faith. You will not be wondering all the time, “Do I have enough faith?” You will see Jesus in His grace, and faith will just spring forth from the inside. It is that simple. Everything that you receive from God, you receive by faith in His grace.

We walk by faith. We fight the good fight of faith. We are saved by faith, healed by faith, and made righteous by faith! The Christian life is a life of faith in God’s grace. The more of His grace we receive, the more faith springs forth.
Our problem in the past was that we put our faith in our own faith, and it didn’t work. We should put our faith in God’s grace and love, for today’s Scripture says that faith works by love. This is not in reference to our own love, but to *His* love for us.

Faith is not trying to make something that is not already there happen. Faith is bringing out of the spirit realm what is *already* there, what is already true of you. You do not confess that you are righteous *in order to become* righteous. You confess that you are righteous because you *are already* righteous! But when you confess it, you become conscious of it. You sense it and it becomes powerful and real in your life. It is not having faith in faith. It is having faith in God’s goodness, in His grace.

Allow me to share with you a wonderful testimony my ministry received from Myra in Georgia. It describes how simply seeing God’s grace brings unconscious faith, rest instead of struggle…and amazing breakthroughs without any self-effort:

*I used to be so painfully shy to the point that my mind would freeze. I would be overwhelmed by feelings of such intense embarrassment that my whole body would ache. To avoid those feelings, I learned to avoid certain situations or attach myself to certain people who could help me get through those trying moments.*

*Until I was forty-two, I thought there was nothing I could do about my condition. Then, I learned that I need not be stuck this way because that was not part of God’s*
plan for me. I began to study the Word and did everything I knew and trusted God for a complete restoration. Over the next fourteen years, I made some progress, but I was frustrated and blamed myself because I did not know what else to do.

When I was fifty-six, I discovered the gospel of grace as I began watching Pastor Prince’s broadcasts regularly. I began to focus on Jesus and His finished work at the cross. While I was doing this, the Holy Spirit began to transform me.

Recently, when my husband and I visited a new church, the pastor asked all the visitors to stand to be welcomed. We stood and greeted those around us. It was not until we had sat down that I realized I was feeling perfectly fine all that time. I did not mind standing with everyone looking at us—I was not embarrassed to be the center of attention and I was comfortable being greeted by and greeting those sitting closest to us. I also realized that I’d not dreaded the thought of going to a new church or meeting new people. I did not spend time praying and preparing myself for the experience, nor did I ask my husband to stay close and help me through any awkward moments like I did in the past. The entire experience was painlessly “shy-free”!

I realized that I am becoming more stable and secure, and I am being transformed more and more into Jesus’ image without any struggle or frustration! Hallelujah! God’s ways are so much higher than ours!
My friend, I want to repeat this powerful truth: when you see His grace, God will see your faith. For Myra, faith for complete restoration was no longer a struggle filled with frustration when she saw Jesus and His finished work! The same is true for you. Faith will spring forth unconsciously, and you will walk in true victory over every area of defeat in your life today!

**Today’s Thought**

When I see Jesus and His finished work, faith will spring forth unconsciously, and I will walk in true victory over every area of weakness in my life!

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You that I can stop worrying about whether I have enough faith. All I need to do is focus on seeing Jesus in His grace and love toward me, and faith will spring forth from within me. I acknowledge that everything good that I receive from You, I receive by faith in Your grace and love for me. I believe that by faith that works through Your love for me, I will walk in true victory over every area of weakness in my life! Amen.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the
same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2
Great Grace, Great Power

Today’s Scripture
And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.
ACTS 4:33

People in the church are looking for great power, but where is it found? The book of Acts declares that where there is great grace, there is great power (see today’s Scripture)! When the apostle Paul preached on forgiveness, healing miracles occurred as the people listened. When people hear the good news that all their sins have been forgiven because of the cross of Jesus, something supernatural happens.

Some years ago, a pastor in a church in Bergen, Norway, shared a testimony with me. One of his church members had developed the habit of viewing pornography
in his hotel room during his many and frequent business trips. Consumed with shame and condemnation, he tried his best to break the habit, employing all kinds of spiritual methods, but he just could not overcome the habit. Each time he had to leave his family for another business trip, his heart would be filled with dread because he knew what he would end up doing in his hotel room when no one was looking.

Then, one of his business trips brought him to Singapore, and he visited our church and got hold of some of my sermon CDs on the grace of God. After listening to the messages for about three weeks, he found himself completely set free from the unclean habit! Hallelujah!

Today, when this precious brother travels, he does not depend on his willpower to overcome any temptation to indulge in pornography. He just completely rests in the revelation that he is as righteous as Jesus by God’s grace. And the more he is conscious that he is righteous, the more the temptation to sin secretly in his hotel room dissipates. “Awake to righteousness, and do not sin…” (1 Cor. 15:34)! It is the grace of God that gives us true victory!

My dear friend, Pastor Åge Åleskjaer, shared with me about another miracle that had happened in Norway. A church member was completely healed of deafness in one ear after listening to recordings of messages that I had preached at a conference in Pastor Åge’s church. As he was listening to one of my messages, his ear just popped open and he was healed! No hands were laid on him. No
one prayed for him. He was healed just by hearing the gospel of Christ preached. All glory to Jesus!

That is the power of the gospel, my friend. It is the power of God unto your wholeness (see Rom. 1:16)! You can rely on your self-efforts and willpower all you want, but they can only bring you so far. On the other hand, the more you hear the true gospel that is unadulterated by man’s efforts, the more you will experience miracles and supernatural breakthroughs in your life. It has pleased God to heal, rescue, supply, and deliver those who simply believe the gospel through the foolishness of preaching (see 1 Cor. 1:21). So keep hearing the gospel preached, and as His Word goes forth, when you believe that you are forgiven and righteous through Christ, you will be made whole! I believe that right now, even as you are reading this book that is all about Jesus, you are being healed, being provided for, and being blessed!

Today’s Thought
As I open my heart and mind to God’s great grace, I shall experience great power for my wholeness!

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that Your Word declares that where there is great grace, there is great power! Thank You that I don’t have to depend on my own willpower to overcome temptations, but I can rest completely in
the revelation that I am as righteous as Jesus is by Your grace. I believe that as I depend on Your grace, I am being set free from all bondages, and I am being healed and made whole. All glory to Jesus! Amen.

As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested and tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge and put their trust in Him.

**PSALM 18:30 AMP**

“Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.”

**ISAIAH 26:4**
DAY 87

Good Things Happen When You Believe God Loves You!

Today’s Scripture

...to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:18–19

Once, when I was preparing to preach, the Lord shared this with me: “good things happen to people who believe that God loves them.” My friend, good things happening to you does not depend on who you are, what academic qualifications you hold, or what your profession is. Good things simply happen to you when you believe that God loves you! He loves you all the time. Even when you fail, He loves you! His love is not like our love. Our
love is conditional, but His love is not. It is not contingent on our behavior. It is contingent entirely on His grace and the work of His Son, Jesus Christ.

When Paul prayed for the church of Ephesus, he prayed that they might be able to comprehend “what is the width and length and depth and height” of “the love of Christ” (see today’s Scripture). Notice Paul’s emphasis on the love of Christ. In other words, it is not about our love for Christ. Paul was praying for them to have a revelation of Jesus’ love for them and not their love for Jesus. Now, observe closely the result of them knowing the Lord’s love for them: they would be “filled with all the fullness of God.”

I have heard many sermons saying that if you do this and do that, you will be filled with the fullness of God. But that is not what the Bible says. It says that when you know the love of Christ, you will be filled with the fullness of God. You will see Him provide for your needs in big and small ways.

I want to share a praise report from Kimberly, who lives in Florida, that demonstrates this truth. She and her husband had received the revelation of the gospel of grace and began to see financial breakthroughs where they had previously struggled. On their eighth wedding anniversary, Kimberly’s husband had surprised her with a new wedding ring. He got the new three-carat diamond ring at a supernaturally low price—almost nothing over their trade-in, half-carat diamond! To Kimberly, it was a symbol of God’s favor on their marriage and lives. So you can imagine her dismay when she lost it! Kimberly recalled:
I was choking back negative thoughts as I feverishly tried to find the ring. We tore our house apart. The more I searched, the more stressed I became. I remember hearing the Holy Spirit say, “Stop trying to find it. Just rest and I will bring it back to you because I love you.” This gave me peace for about a day and a half but by the third day, I was in tears and frantic again! I cleared my bathroom vanity area three separate times to look for it!

I went to the bedroom in tears, looked up, and said, “Jesus, I know that You love me, and You don’t have to help me find my ring to prove that. But because You love me, will You bring my ring back to me?” I prayed that simple prayer, walked back into the bathroom, and found my ring lying on my vanity area! Completely shocked, I immediately called my kids in to ask them if they had placed my ring there, and they said that they had not. I began crying and praising God because He truly answered my prayer by placing my ring in a spot that I had just checked and scrutinized three times! Jesus brought it back to me just as He had promised! I praise Jesus for loving me. Now, my ring symbolizes His grace even more.

Have you been there before? You got so frantic and stressed that God had to interrupt your frenzy of worry to remind you that He loves you and would take care of that detail for you? What made the difference for Kimberly was this very knowledge that the Lord loved her. Once she was conscious of how much the Lord loved her, she saw her prayer answered and her precious ring (which the Lord had blessed them with) returned to her.
Beloved, I pray that you have been growing in the revelation of how much God loves you as you see all that Jesus has accomplished for you on the cross. The more you realize that it is a revelation of Jesus’ love for you and not your love for Jesus, the more you, your family, and your future will be filled with the fullness and riches of His grace.

**Today’s Thought**

Good things happen to me when I believe that God loves me!

**Today’s Prayer**

Father, thank You that even when I fail, You will still love, forgive, heal, and help me because of Your grace and the work of Jesus. Help me to comprehend the width and length and depth and height of the love of Jesus so that I may be filled with all of Your fullness. I believe that good things happen to me when I simply believe that You love me! Amen.

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1 JOHN 4:9
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Psalm 36:7

Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

Psalm 69:16

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

Jeremiah 31:3
DAY 88

Exceedingly Abundantly Above

Today’s Scripture

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Yesterday, we saw that when we know the love of Christ, we will be filled with the fullness of God! That is amazing! But notice in today’s Scripture that Paul didn’t stop there. God becomes big in your life when you know His love. He will give you not just exceedingly, not just abundantly, but exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask or think! So when you know His love for you, you can ask big and think big, and God will still exceed all that you ask or think! It’s all about His love for you and me.
Yet, there are people today who continue to boast in their love for God, believing that He would bless them in tandem with their good works.

In my own life, there were some things that I had been believing God for, but for years, nothing happened, until I realized just how much God loves me. When I realized how much He loves me, it was like all of a sudden, the floodgate of His blessings opened wide, and all kinds of good things started happening to me, in me, and around me.

One such occasion was when my daughter, Jessica, was about two years old, and she was suffering from a viral attack that the doctors could not remedy. She cried all day and night. I tried everything I knew. I was binding and loosing, I was confessing the Word of God, I was shouting, I was laying hands...all to no avail. And then the Lord brought me to Genesis 22, where God told Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a burnt offering to Him—a foreshadow of God sacrificing His own Son, Jesus.

As I read the passage, I realized just how much God loved me. He loved me so much that He did not withhold His Son, His only Son, the Son whom He loved, for me. I began to weep from a deep and intimate sense of God’s overwhelming love for me. At that moment, I felt His love all over me. And right there and then, my daughter stopped crying in the other room. From that point onward, she was completely healed! As I was experiencing a fresh revelation of His love for me, the miracle for my daughter happened!
Let me share another testimony with you. Bill, a brother from California, wrote to thank me for my teachings about our inheritance as God’s beloved children when we believe right. He shared that prior to his honeymoon in Cancun, rain and thunderstorms had been forecast for 80 to 90 percent of the duration of their trip. One morning during his quiet time with God, it occurred to him that because God loves him and his wife, he could pray to God to change the weather for their honeymoon, for surely this was no big deal for the God of the universe. So three days prior to their departure, he prayed just that.

This was Bill’s report: “The sun was shining with storm clouds in the far distance everywhere we went during our six-day honeymoon. The thunderstorms were spectacular but always at a distance. Rain only fell late at night after we had retired to bed. Even though fierce storms were predicted along the entire coastline, we woke up every morning to sunshine and freshly watered, beautiful nature. Some will scoff and call this a coincidence, and some simply won’t believe that God changed the weather for one of His own. But I believe that’s exactly what He did!”

Let me say this again: when you know His love for you, you can ask big and think big, and God will still exceed all that you ask or think! When you believe right, the floodgates of blessings open! Nothing is impossible when you believe right in the person of Jesus and in His love and goodness. Praise God!
Today’s Thought
When I know God’s love for me, I can ask big and think big, and God will still exceed all that I ask or think!

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that You give me not just exceedingly, not just abundantly, but exceedingly abundantly above all I can ask or think. Help me to keep growing in the revelation of Your love and to be bold to ask big and think big. I believe that You have amazing plans for my life and that nothing is impossible with You—because Jesus has paid the price for me to simply receive Your abundant and superabounding grace. Amen.

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
1 JOHN 4:16

...we’re never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!
ROMANS 5:5 THE MESSAGE
...And let them say continually, “Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

PSALM 35:27
You Are God’s Precious, Beloved Child

Today’s Scripture

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

MATTHEW 3:16–17

Today’s Scripture is for your benefit. God wants you to know that He has accepted you in Christ the Beloved (Eph. 1:6). Right now, as God is well pleased with His beloved Son, He is also well pleased with you because He has placed you in Christ. So just as Jesus is God’s beloved Son, in the Father’s eyes, you are also His beloved child. In fact, Jesus prayed to the Father that His disciples (that covers us also) would know that the way in
which His Father loves Him is the same way in which His Father loves them (see John 17:23).

Immediately after Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. What did the devil say to Jesus? He said, “If You are the Son of God…” (Matt. 4:3). Notice that the devil craftily dropped the Father’s word, “beloved,” when he taunted Jesus to prove that He was the Son of God. He does the same thing with you today because once you know that you are God’s beloved, whatever the devil wants to bring against you will fail. People give their lives to sin when they feel rejected and unwanted. But when they know that they are God’s beloved, no temptation can succeed against them (see 1 John 2:15).

Now, look at Jesus’ reply to the devil: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (Matt. 4:4). When Jesus referred to the “word that proceeds from the mouth of God,” He was referring to the *rhema* word or “now word.” What did God just say to Jesus before He entered the wilderness? He had said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” This is the word that we are to live by today as well!

Today, I encourage you to meditate on how you are God’s beloved through Jesus Christ. We are not to live by the Ten Commandments written and engraved on stones. There is no nourishment in the ministry of death and condemnation (2 Cor. 3:7–9). Jesus died on the cross so that we can be in Him, and live by the same word that
proceeded from the mouth of God when He called Jesus His beloved.

How practical is this truth? Just see what happened to Jamie in Tennessee when she became “beloved-conscious.” Jamie’s graphic design business was failing, and she was thinking about folding it up and looking for a nine-to-five job when her mom gave her one of my books. Jamie said, “I hung on to every word and was ecstatic! My mindset about myself and, more importantly, how much God loves me through Jesus Christ, began to change. I began to believe and see that Jesus is my success and that it is not my career that makes me a success. Well, two months later I began to see my business turn around, slowly at first, but within a year, business was booming! I’ve been able to license my work and receive monthly royalty checks that I had never dreamed of receiving. This blessing is from the Lord, and I can’t thank Him enough for His love and favor.”

If you are struggling to overcome a fear, a disorder, or an addiction, close your eyes, see yourself in Christ, and hear your Father saying to you, “You are My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” Every time you are consumed by worry, anger, or depression, hear your Father saying to you, “You are My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” Would you believe that with all your heart today?

Today’s Thought
My Father sees me in Christ, His beloved Son, and in Christ I am His precious, beloved child, in whom He is well pleased.

Today’s Prayer
Father, thank You that You have accepted me in Your beloved Son, Jesus, and that because I am in Jesus, I am Your precious, beloved child, in whom You are well pleased. I choose to be “beloved-conscious” and to listen to Your voice speaking Your love to me. Thank You, Father, for the peace, rest, and hope that Your Word brings today. There is no fear, no addiction, no worry, and no anxiety that can remain in the presence of Your great love. Amen.

“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

JOHN 17:23

…to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:6
DAY 90

Be a Giant Slayer

Today’s Scripture
Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you…”
1 SAMUEL 17:45–46

Beloved, start practicing God’s love for you and it will translate into victories in your daily life. I am sure you are familiar with the story of how a young shepherd boy named David came against an ugly bully of a giant named Goliath and defeated him. I want you to know that this can be your story and testimony too.

There are no insignificant details in the Bible. Even the names in the Bible carry secrets for our benefit. The name “Goliath” comes from the Hebrew root word, *galah*, which
means “to exile.” To be exiled is to be stripped of everything you are and everything you own. So Goliath’s name essentially means that he had been stripped of everything—an exile. What a name! Goliath is a picture of the devil as he really is—stripped of all his weapons against us because of the cross (see Col. 2:15). The name “David” on the other hand means “beloved.” The battle in the valley of Elah was thus a battle between a beloved of God and a stripped exile.

Now, catch this revelation: it takes someone who knows that he is the beloved of God to bring down a giant! This is the secret of becoming a giant slayer! It doesn’t matter what your giant is today. It could be a marital problem or financial situation. Begin to see that you are God’s beloved and your giants will come tumbling down.

My friend, God loves you. You are His beloved child regardless of what you have or have not done. He loves you as you are because the truth is that you have been washed whiter than snow with the blood of Jesus. Live every day by these words from your loving Father in heaven: “You are My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” His favor is all over you, whether you are with your family, or in your workplace, and in everything that you do. You are a blessing everywhere you go.

If God did not withhold His Son from you, why would He withhold healing, financial provision, protection, peace of mind, and all the other blessings from you? When the Almighty God is your loving Father and you are His beloved child, what fears can you have? Fear of the past,
the present, and the future? Fear of not having enough? Fear of sickness? Fear of death? Fear of punishment? Beloved, when you have a revelation of how much God loves you and that He sees you completely righteous by the blood of Jesus Christ, all your fears will dissipate, for if God is for you, who can be against you (Rom. 8:31)?

Are there giants in your life that need to be slain? Look away from your circumstances and call out without fear to your Father. He loves you and will never judge or condemn you! He loves you with an everlasting love. It is not enough to know that God loves everyone. You need to know and believe that He loves you, and let that revelation warm and anchor your heart in His grace, especially when you fail. And as you keep on feeding on His love for you, His love will start overflowing in you, and you will receive from Him exceedingly abundantly above all that you can ask or think! With God on your side, nothing is impossible!

**Today’s Thought**

*Whatever my giant is today, when I begin to see that I am God’s beloved child, my giant will come tumbling down.*

**Today’s Prayer**

*Father, I want to live this day and every day for the rest of my life by Your words, “You are My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” Thank You that no*
matter what giant I face today, because I know that I am Your beloved child, that giant will come tumbling down. I believe that with You on my side, all things are possible—healing, financial provision, protection, peace of mind, and all the other blessings in Christ Jesus! I believe that my breakthrough is around the corner and because You love me, it shall be exceedingly, abundantly above all I can ask or think, and I give You praise for it. In Jesus’ precious name, Amen.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

...If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

ROMANS 8:31-32 nlt

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

ROMANS 8:37
I consider it a real honor and privilege to have been able to share God’s love with you in the past ninety days. Thank you for having taken a little time each day out of your busy schedule to sit at the feet of Jesus and receive His words of life. I trust that the many powerful truths and real-life stories shared over the pages of this book have inspired and encouraged you to see and receive the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My friend, remember that reigning in life is not about your self-efforts, but all about resting in and receiving God’s abundant grace and gift of righteousness (Rom. 5:17). God has called you to rest in His finished work and reign over every fear, guilt, and addiction.

Whatever the challenge you may still be facing, I want to encourage you to keep feeding on Christ and His grace toward you. Keep listening to messages full of His beauty, compassion, love, and finished work. Keep reading about His awesome promises and plans for you. As the apostle Paul tells us, faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of Christ (Rom. 10:17 NASB).

Beloved, I’m standing in faith with you for your breakthrough. I believe that as you keep receiving God’s
precious gifts of abundant grace, righteousness, and no condemnation even in the midst of your failures, you will experience your miracle. And when you do, please write to me (praise@josephprince.com) so that I may rejoice with you. Just as the personal stories shared in this book have touched and encouraged you, so can yours be a source of hope and encouragement to many others who are trusting God for a miracle.

Thank you once again for taking this ninety-day journey with me. Till we meet again, know that my love and prayers are with you and your family.

In His loving grace,
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