

“Grace”

Romans 5:6-11; Luke 15:11-24

“This is what grace does. It rescues us from our spiritual blindness. It releases us from our bondage to our rationalism and materialism. Grace gives us the faith to be utterly assured of what we cannot see. It frees us from refusing to believe in anything we cannot experience with our physical senses. But grace does more. It connects us to the invisible One in an eternal love relationship that fills us with joy we have never known before and gives us rest of heart that we would have thought impossible. And that grace is still rescuing us, because we still tend to forget what is important, real, and true. We still tend to look to the physical world for our comfort. We still fail to remember in given moments that we really do have a heavenly Father. Grace has done a wonderful thing for us and continues to do more and more.”

– **Paul David Tripp**

Grace defined: Grace is *undeserved* favour or merit. (Romans 5:6-11; Eph 2:8-10)

- Grace is a gift from God
- Grace helps us understand God
- Grace changes the recipient
- Grace frees us to live our purpose

Understanding Grace

Luke 15:11-24

Perfect patience (11-12)

“Father give me my share of the estate” a statement of dishonour.

- I wish you were dead
- I don’t care about you and your position as leader of our family

Prodigious Love (20)

- The father was waiting (20)
- The father was running (20)
- The father was embracing (20)

Extravagant provision (22)

- Robe- covering and protection
- Ring- authority
- Sandals-Status and position
- Fattened Calf- nourishment for his body