

God's Grace
- Handle with Care-

There is the potential in all of us to become so used to God's undeserved favour which He extends to us on a daily basis that we can begin to take it for granted, even to the point where it no longer amazes us.

Critical question we must all answer: "How am I handling God's grace in my life?"
With _____ or _____?

2 Kings 5; a classic illustration of God's grace and the differing responses to that grace.

Three aspects of God's grace, clearly on display that if we remember will serve us well in ensuring that we handle His grace in our lives with care.

1. God's grace is _____! (Vs. 1-18)

- God is lavishly _____ with his grace, pouring it out upon those who are especially _____ (Rom. 5:10)

-Highlights of God's gracious moves on Naaman's behalf;

Vs. 1 - While an _____ of God, God was _____ him to be _____
E.g. of God's _____ grace (Mt. 5:45)

Vs. 2-3 - God _____ places a young Israelite girl to offer Naaman _____

Vs. 5-6 - God graciously grants him _____ with his master

Vs. 8 - God causes Elisha to have _____ for a king who did not _____ it

Vs. 10 - God graciously provides him with the _____ to be cleansed of his disease

Vs. 11-13 - God graciously uses Naaman's _____ to persuade him to _____

Vs. 14 - God graciously _____ him according to His _____

We need to regularly take time to reflect on all the gracious 'moves' God made on our behalf in order to draw us to Himself and change our lives forever. His grace is AMAZING!

2. God's grace _____ lives (Vs. 15-18)

In Naaman's life;

Vs. 15 - God's grace _____ Naaman

Vs. 15 - God's grace _____ what Naaman believed.

Vs. 17 - God's grace _____ Naaman from an enemy of God to an _____ worshipper of God.

Vs. 18 - God's grace _____ Naaman to want to _____ God.

In the young Israelite girl's life;

Vs. 3. - God's grace _____ in individuals a _____ for others and emboldens people to _____ of their faith in God even in the midst of difficult times.

In Elisha's life;

Vs. 10-16 - God's grace causes individuals to _____ not seek _____ or _____

Checklist to evaluate if we are handling God's grace in our lives with care;

- Am I humble?
- Am I convinced of the truth (head→heart→hands)
- Am I an active worshipper (both lifestyle and corporately)
- Am I motivated to please God?
- Am I compassionate towards others?
- Am I testifying of my faith in God with others?
- Am I intentional to not steal any of God's glory by seeking praise and credit?

3. God's grace should not be taken _____ of (Vs. 19-27)

-When we choose to follow _____ ways rather than _____ ways, things begin to unravel real quickly (Gen. 3)

-God is _____ but not to be _____ with (Rom. 6:1)

May we never become blind or callous to God's amazing grace, but rather handle it with care and see it in all of life, especially in the weak, humble and foolish things.

God's grace is AMAZING, it TRANSFORMS LIVES & should NOT be taken advantage of.