

Transformation Journal

June 13, 2010

Just How Amazing is Grace?

Daily Devotions for the week of June 13, 2010

Monday: Review yesterday's notes. Our familiarity with the use of the term "grace" can make it hard for us to grasp its true meaning and impact on us. This week we will be trying to experience again just how amazing grace really is.

Scripture: Read Galatians 2:15-21

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What is the fundamental difference between the law and the gospel?
2. Vs 19b-20 sum up the entire Christian life. How do you understand these verses and how can this perspective shape the way you live today? (Consider memorizing these verses and repeat them periodically throughout the day. At the end of the day record or reflect what impact this has had on you and others you have interacted with).

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christ might truly live in you. Pray that you can accept his love and be transformed by his grace (as an act of his will not as a reward for your good behavior).

Tuesday: *In today's passage Paul explores the meaning of grace as a free gift of God. Read this passage slowly and several times. Don't let your familiarity with the concepts (e.g. faith, redemption, righteousness etc.) obscure your ability to perceive how radical (i.e. life-changing) this Word is for all who truly appropriate it into their lives.*

Scripture: **Romans 3:21-31**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How many times have you heard that grace is a gift (vs. 24)? How deeply have you heard this truth? The deeper you hear it and accept it the more a responding love is evoked.
2. How passionate is your love for God? If not very much, go back and meditate on grace again.

Prayer Focus

Pray for those who are living with the burden of always trying to prove themselves or find it hard to love God (as opposed to just serving God as a duty) Pray that they might have a fresh experience of God's free gift of grace.

Wednesday: *Paul uses the analogy of Adam and his effect on the whole human race to show how Christ's righteousness is efficacious for everyone (how much more so!)*

Scripture: **Read Romans 5:12-21**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Just how amazing is grace?
2. How good is the Good News?
3. What do you have to say to those who really have never heard news like you have been reading this week?

Prayer Focus

Pray for someone who needs to hear this Good News.

Thursday: *Not only does grace evoke faith which leads to love, but it also brings us into a community. We are all children of God and heirs of the promise. The grace of God frees us and forms us into a community that is one in Christ. Grace changes not only our relationship to God but our relationship to one another as well.*

Scripture: Read Galatians 3:21-29

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How might you think of others differently because of the grace of God made known in Christ?
2. What is the source of our unity with God and each other? What would it look like to live this truth today?

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would help you to live out your true relation to others you meet today.

Friday: Today's passage gives us a picture of what it looks like when grace is fully received. Pay attention to the actions of the woman and consider what prompted her passionate expressions of love.

Scripture: Read Luke 7:36-8:3

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Is your faith more like the woman's or like the Pharisee's? (This story can reveal whether in practice you are living by works of the law or by the spirit of grace)

Prayer Focus

Pray that you might live by the spirit of grace.

Saturday and Sunday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications