Have We Taken Grace Too Far

5-Day Devotional - 1.11.26

Day 1

Grace Is Not a License

Reading: Romans 6:1-4

Devotional:

The Apostle Paul confronts a dangerous question: Should we keep sinning so grace can increase? His answer rings clear—absolutely not! Grace isn't permission to continue in sin; it's power to break free from it. When you truly encounter God's grace, something shifts inside you. The old desires lose their grip. You don't want to return to what once enslaved you because you've met the One who set you free. Grace doesn't just cover your past—it confronts your present and transforms your future. Today, ask yourself: Am I using grace as an excuse, or am I allowing it to execute my old nature? True grace changes everything.

Reflection:

Where have I used grace as an excuse rather than allowing it to transform me?

Day 2

Grace Teaches Us to Say No

Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Devotional:

Grace does more than save—it teaches. It appears, rescues, and then instructs us how to live. This passage reveals that grace trains us to reject ungodliness and worldly passions while embracing self-control and godliness right now, in this present age. If grace never corrects you, you're not being discipled; you're being enabled. Think about the areas where you've rationalized sin, calling it a "struggle" instead of what it is. Grace doesn't flatter us into comfortable bondage—it challenges us toward holy freedom. The same grace that saved you also empowers you to live differently. Let grace be your teacher today, showing you what to embrace and what to release.

Reflection:

What "struggles" do I need to call sin and surrender to God?

Day 3

Freedom With Purpose

Reading: Galatians 5:13-14

Devotional:

Freedom in Christ is glorious, but it comes with purpose. We weren't set free to indulge ourselves or live however we please. We were freed to serve one another in love. Grace didn't lower God's standards—it empowered us to reach them. Holiness isn't optional; grace made it possible. When you understand what Christ freed you from, you won't want to waste that freedom on selfish pursuits. Instead, you'll invest it in loving God and serving others. Today, examine how you're using your freedom. Are you indulging the flesh or serving in love? Your freedom has a purpose: to reflect the One who set you free and to help others discover that same liberation.

Reflection:

How am I using my freedom in Christ—for self or for service?

Day 4

Go and Sin No More

Reading: John 8:1-11

Devotional:

The woman caught in adultery experienced both mercy and mandate. Jesus removed her condemnation but demanded her change: "Go and sin no more." This is grace in action—it removes shame while maintaining responsibility. Jesus didn't minimize her sin; He maximized mercy while calling her to transformation. Grace isn't God saying, "I don't care what you do." Grace is God saying, "I love you too much to leave you there." When you encounter true grace, you can't stay the same. The woman walked away forgiven, but also challenged to live differently. Have you met Jesus in a way that both frees and transforms you? Grace always does both.

Reflection:

What areas of my life need realignment with God's holiness?

Day 5

Living in Alignment

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Devotional:

"Be holy, because I am holy." This isn't an impossible demand—it's an invitation empowered by grace. God calls us back to alignment with His character and purposes. We've rebranded sin as "struggle," obedience as "free will," and surrender as "praying about it." But holiness isn't negotiable when following Jesus. The culture around us constantly shifts, but God's standards remain. Grace gives us the power to live holy lives, not permission to ignore holiness. Today, ask God to reveal where you've loosened truth or allowed culture to reshape your convictions. Return to the center—to Jesus, who is both grace and truth. Make Him non-negotiable in your life, and watch everything else fall into proper place.

Reflection:

Am I treating Jesus as non-negotiable, or have I made Him optional?