

## Unexpected Pressure - Unprepared Character

Live in the Grace Received

Scripture(s): Romans 12:9-21

I. The first practical example of how living in grace is necessary to live as disciples of Jesus is grace reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord. When others see enemies as people undeserving of kindness, Jesus sees them as people in need of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 9:51-56 <sup>51</sup> When the days were approaching for His ascension He was determined to go to Jerusalem; <sup>52</sup> and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. <sup>53</sup> But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; <sup>56</sup> for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

II. The second practical example of how living in grace is necessary to live as disciples of Jesus is grace gives up personal preferences for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_. When we don't share opinions, Christ's people care more about the \_\_\_\_\_ we disagree with than our rights or our rightness.

Romans 14:13-23 <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. <sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. <sup>15</sup> For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. ... <sup>20</sup> Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. <sup>21</sup> It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles. III. The third practical example of how living in grace is necessary to live as disciples of Jesus is grace keeps \_\_\_\_\_. When our fellow Christians disappoint us, we must give them the same opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ and change that Jesus gives us.

Acts 15:36-40 <sup>36</sup> After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. <sup>38</sup> But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:9-11 <sup>11</sup> ... Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

Remember this - Living in grace is a daily decision that cuts against our desire for \_\_\_\_\_ and retribution.

Our challenge: Let grace curb your appetite to control or constantly \_\_\_\_\_ your fellow believers.

1. Be honest about why you feel the need to tell others what to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Prepare yourself to give up your \_\_\_\_\_ and the application of your opinion in order to protect the faith of your brother or sister in Christ.
3. Forgive without keeping \_\_\_\_\_ !

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