

**Everyday Disciple**  
**How To Experience God's Life-Changing Grace**

**1. Understand God's \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **grace:** The initial grace that brings about our salvation.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **grace:** The ongoing process by which God's power changes us into people who naturally live out the values and character of Jesus.

- **Amazing displays \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 6:8** *Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.*

- **Inner transformation \_\_\_\_\_**

**2 Peter 1:3-4** *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hebrews 4:16** *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

**2 Corinthians 12: 8-10** *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he (God) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**Romans 3:24** - *Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.*

**Matthew 16:24-25** *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

**John 1:16** *Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.*

**Acts 4:33** *With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.*

**Acts 11:23** *When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.*

**Acts 13:43** *When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.*

**Acts 14:26** *Finally, they returned by ship to Antioch of Syria, where their journey had begun. The believers there had entrusted them to the grace of God to do the work they had now completed.*

**Acts 20:24** *But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.*

*"God in His wisdom has more or less left it where if we think we can make it happen, "Ok, you do it." Then you get a human result. The presence of the Holy spirit is always manifested in the fact that the outcome is incommensurable with the ability and effort of the human being. That's a mark of the action of the Holy Spirit." Dallas Willard*

### **My Gap List: I am powerless and I need grace to...**

- ...to live a fully surrendered life. My willpower is not enough. I celebrate my powerlessness so I can see your Grace.
- ...to love you with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength. You've watched me fail 1000's of times. I cannot do this. Please bridge the gap through your grace.
- ...to not worry about \_\_\_\_\_. I'm powerless to impact them and I celebrate my weakness because this is a chance for your grace to fill me with peace.
- ...to have a positive impact at the office because my power and wisdom are not enough. But your grace is enough.
- ...to write a sermon that can positively impact others. I celebrate my powerlessness so that I can see the grace of God.

### **How To Surrender Your Gaps To The Grace Of God**

**Step 1: Make your gap list:** 2 things go on your Gap List

#1: Anything causing worry, fear, frustration, stress

**Note:** Always pay attention to your emotions

#2: Any area you are failing to live out what Jesus asks

**Step 2: Admit your powerlessness over the gaps**

*God, I will never be able to \_\_\_\_\_ (identify your gap). I don't have the strength to do this. If it's up to me, I will fail at this."*

**Step 3: Surrender this area/need to God**

*"Father, I give this to you. I surrender in this area."*

**Step 4: Ask God's grace to bridge the gap**

*"Father, you have offered me grace. So I believe that through Your grace and power, you will help. I'm excited to see what you will do."*