

Grace, for the Worn Out and Weary
Amazed by Grace Series- Part 02

Connect: If possible, share how you experienced grace from another person this past week.

Hook:

Have you ever been in a difficult trial and you knew that you were in the trial because of your own sin? You knew that you should cry out to God for help, but you were afraid or felt shame to do so because of your sin. Or, maybe your problems were not due to deliberate sin, but rather because of immaturity or foolish decisions. Sometimes even though I have prayed for guidance and wisdom, I still have done something that resulted in a heap of trouble. What should you do at such times?

Pastor Brandon shared with us that God's grace is good for more than just the spiritual, "I-get-to-go-to-heaven" salvation. God's grace is freely given when we find ourselves weary, worn out, and in trouble.

King David knew what it felt like to be in trouble. Sometimes the trouble was of his own making and at other times the trouble came because he lived in a sin cursed world. During one of those troubling times, David wrote a song that expressed how he felt and what actions he would take. Psalm 25 teaches us to seek God in the hard times, no matter the reason those hard times have come.

Book:

Psa 25:1 A psalm of David. O LORD, I give my life to You.

Psa 25:2 I trust in You, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

Psa 25:3 No one who trusts in You will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

Psa 25:4 Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow.

Psa 25:5 Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You.

Psa 25:6 Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and unfailing love, which You have shown from long ages past.

Psa 25:7 Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth. Remember me in the light of Your unfailing love, for You are merciful, O LORD.

Psa 25:8 The LORD is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray.

Psa 25:9 He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them His way.

Psa 25:10 The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep His covenant and obey His demands.

Psa 25:11 For the honor of Your name, O LORD, forgive my many, many sins.

Psa 25:12 Who are those who fear the LORD? He will show them the path they should choose.

Psa 25:13 They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land.

Psa 25:14 The LORD is a friend to those who fear Him. He teaches them His covenant.

Psa 25:15 My eyes are always on the LORD, for He rescues me from the traps of my enemies.

Psa 25:16 Turn to me and have mercy, for I am alone and in deep distress.

Psa 25:17 My problems go from bad to worse. Oh, save me from them all!

Psa 25:18 Feel my pain and see my trouble. Forgive all my sins.

Psa 25:19 See how many enemies I have and how viciously they hate me!

Psa 25:20 Protect me! Rescue my life from them! Do not let me be disgraced, for in You I take refuge.

Psa 25:21 May integrity and honesty protect me, for I put my hope in You.

Psa 25:22 O God, ransom Israel from all its troubles.

Look:

What statements does David make in the above Psalm that reflect his feelings of weariness and discouragement?

What might the reasons be for his difficulties?

Why do many Christians seem to think that following Christ grants them a free pass from trials? Why is this not biblical?

David would review and affirm the attributes of God. List those that demonstrate God's undeserved favor:

According to this Psalm, how does God respond to the sinful, weak, and weary?

Where do you need to experience God's grace in your life at this moment?

What can possibly hinder you from claiming God's unmerited favor in your life?