

God's Extraordinary Grace: Restores Ordinary People

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Has it ever been hard for you to look past your own failures? It can be especially hard when those failures have made a lasting impact on our lives. But our worst mistakes should not define how we live our lives. We may stumble, fall, and make choices we wish we could undo, but God's grace meets us where we are. Through the life of John Mark, we see how God's extraordinary grace restores ordinary people.

RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

The greater our failures seem, the harder it can be to believe that we're worthy of a second chance. But God's grace is limitless. Scripture reminds us that we are saved by grace through faith, not by our own works (Ephesians 2:8-9). We do not deserve God's grace, but He gives it to us freely. This reminds us that it is not by our own efforts that we are saved; therefore, there is nothing we can do to disqualify ourselves from God's grace. Instead of hiding from God in shame, we must remember who He is and receive the grace He has already extended to us.

RETURN TO GOD

When John Mark left his mission and returned to Jerusalem, there were consequences (Acts 13:13). His decision led Paul to refuse Barnabas' request to bring him on another missionary journey. It can be difficult to come back after failure, but Peter reminds us of God's outpouring of grace in (1 Peter 5:5-7). When we come to God in humility and surrender, He welcomes us with open arms and restores us. Failure does not have to be the end of our story.

RE-ENGAGE IN GOD'S MISSION

Restoration doesn't happen overnight, and John Mark's story shows that failure is not the final word. Though he once turned back, his life was not defined by that moment. Over time, through quiet service and steady perseverance, he was eventually affirmed and valued by Paul (2 Timothy 4:11). In the same way, our growth in Christ is often gradual and unseen, but God is always at work. As we continue to surrender our lives to Him and seek to honor Him in faithfulness, we can trust that His work in us is never finished (Titus 2:11-14).

GOD'S GRACE IS STILL WORKING

We may feel our failures are unforgivable or struggle to see others beyond their mistakes. But no place is too far and no sin too great for God to reach. Our lives are not defined by our past. Through His extraordinary grace, God restores ordinary people and uses them for His purpose. When we surrender to Him, He redeems what we thought was beyond repair and continues the work He began in us (Philippians 1:6).

last week's memory verse

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

discuss this message

Have I truly received God's grace?
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Is there an area where God is calling me to return? (Joel 2:12)

Where is God inviting me to reengage in His mission—and am I depending on His power rather than my own?
(Ephesians 2:10; 3:16-21)

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SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN
3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY LIVESTREAMS

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**Who is our constant anchor
in these unsettling times?**
Come, let's talk about it in the Welcome Center.

#GoServe One Service
One service can make a difference.

Serve at Host Team,
NXTGEN, or Welcome Center!
go.ccf.org.ph/VolunteerSignUp

Our Community

WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Fight the Good Fight: Why Marriages Fail with Praying Wife Forum

August 20, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  ccfwomen2women
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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

The Space Between Us S3 – Open the Door: Making Space for Faith to Grow

August 14, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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FRIDAY OUTREACH OPEN TO ALL

Evangelism Training and Outreach

Saturdays, 3:00 PM, Room 3A

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NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Extraordinary

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

RESOURCES:

<https://linktr.ee/NXTGENFamilyResources>

Our Classes

Be Biblically Grounded

GLC LEVEL 1: Be a Disciple

BOOK 1: September 6, Sunday
10:30 AM, 2F Annex

BOOK 2: September 6, Sunday
1:30 PM, 2F Annex

BOOK 3: September 6, Sunday
1:30 PM, Room 3A

BOOK 4: September 27, Sunday
1:30 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: Books 1, 2, and 3
September 8, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Be Equipped to Lead

GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Discipler

BOOK 5: August 16, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 4A

ZOOM: August 20, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Be a Leader Who Raises Leaders

GLC3 LEAD: Be a Multiplier, Cycle 2 For Dgroup Leaders Only

BOOK 9: August 16, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 4A

ZOOM: August 20, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Welcome Wednesdays

Welcome Wednesdays is on series break!

Other Events

How to Facilitate a DGroup Workshop

with Ptr. Aumar Aguilar

August 16, Sunday, 2:00 PM, 2/F Annex

GLC Baptism Class

WATER BAPTISM:

August 16, Sunday, 1:30 PM, G/F Annex

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to listen and improve!**

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our pastors are willing to listen.
Email them along with your name at
osp@ccf.org.ph — Pastor Peter Tan-Chi
oep@ccf.org.ph — Pastor Ricky Sarthou

Note: Emails without **full name** shall not be entertained.

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

**God brought you here
for His purpose.**

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
— Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. — John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. — John 3:16*

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

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus
Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*