

# If We Only Knew...

## Corporate Grace

**Ephesians 4:1-7 (NIV)** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

**Psalms 133:1-3 (NIV)** How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

### God promises:

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**Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Key Thought:** If we only knew that God's grace was multiplied to us and through us when we dwell together in unity...we'd die to our selfish desires and pride and we'd surrender our lives completely to God's call and purpose.

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Wk 3 - Grace that helps us Serve Others

#### Getting Started:

1. Have you ever had a job in the service industry (i.e. restaurant, hotel, retail, amusement park...)? What did you like/dislike about the job?
2. Have you ever volunteered your time for a humanitarian cause? When you were done, were you tired? Did you ever regret it?

#### Going Deeper:

Grace is not just something that we receive as a gift for ourselves, and our situation. In God's design, He gives us gifts that are to be used and shared on behalf of others. One of the greatest results of God's grace is that it gives us what we need to serve on behalf of others.

1. Read I Corinthians 3:10-15. What does grace help us do in these verses? What does it mean to lay a foundation? How does that help us serve others? Are you laying a foundation others can build on?
2. Read Romans 12:1-5. What does verse 3 say that grace allows the writer to do? How is simply communicating truth an act of serving others? How is grace needed when we communicate truth? Do you need grace in this area?
3. Read Acts 6:8-10. What does God's grace allow Stephen to do in these verses? How is this useful in serving others? Are you open to being used by God in these ways?

#### Acting Out:

1. Make a list of ways you believe God is calling you/giving you opportunity to serve others. Next to each one, give yourself a grade or make a note as to how you are doing.
2. Pick three areas from the list to focus on praying for this week. Specifically ask for His grace to assist you in serving and meeting needs that you would otherwise not be able to do, or just not choose to do.

#### Further Reading This Week:

I Corinthians 3  
Romans 12  
Philippians 2  
Ephesians 5  
Galatians 6