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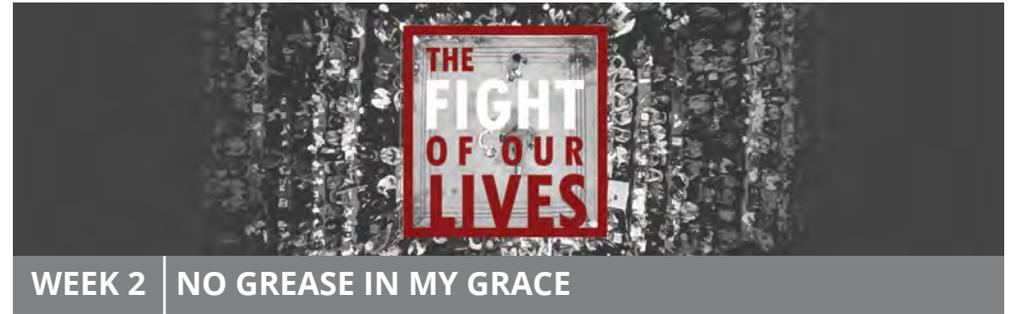
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PRAYER

Please, Lord, I ask of you to come into my life and offer your grace. I am open to it and ready to accept it. Allow my heart to always be focused on you and make my desire to live for you. Lord, I know from scriptures that your grace is bestowed, no matter what, so I just ask for it today. Lord, help me be better. Help me see the clear, narrow path in front of me so I can walk in your ways and in your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What is your favourite sport/game you like to play? Do you find when you play it, you play for fun or you play to win?

NOTES

WORD

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

[Jude 1:3-4](#)

³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴ By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.”

⁵ But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

⁶ By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷ But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?

⁸ And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held

accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

[Romans 3:3-12, 18-24](#)

Jude notices the compromise that is starting to enter the church amongst the members, even after they experienced God’s grace. His heart breaks as the people seem to have lost sight of God’s undeserved gift of saving them from death.

Grace that is extended by God should always be remembered in thanksgiving and praise. The moment we feel entitled is the moment we slip back into old patterns, forgetting that without God’s grace, we don’t have life at all, and basically breathe to death. Let us not forget his goodness!

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = completely awkward, 10 = completely accepting/deserving), how do you feel when receiving gifts?
2. Have you ever given someone a gift, despite feeling that the one you are giving it to doesn’t necessarily deserve it? Have you ever been the recipient of a gift you didn’t deserve? Tell us more.
3. Whether you’re a believer or not, based on your observations, why do you think followers of Christ can have a tendency to forget the grace (undeserved gift of life) of Christ as they live out their faith?
4. Have you seen this kind of ungratefulness for grace that we see here in Romans and Jude, in your own life? How might we stay grateful?
5. Are you willing to give your life over to Jesus and receive his forgiveness as you acknowledge him as Lord, once and for all?