

Truly Getting Over Yourself Acts 20:17-38

1. All Humility 18-23

- A. Serving the Lord 18, 19
- B. Grace must come from a place of humility.

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” -Philippians 2:1-8 ESV

“And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?” -Mark 8:34-37 ESV

2. The Infinite Value of Life 24-32

- A. How We see ourselves as a result of seeing the cross 24
- B. Pay Careful Attention 28

“One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” -Luke 23:39-43 ESV

- C. Wolves are coming 29-31
- D. What God’s Grace is Able to Do 32

3. Grace in all of life 33-35

- A. Not Coveting 33
- B. Using what God has given
- C. It is more blessed to give than to receive

Reflection:

1. *If someone were to ask you to define “grace”, how would you do that? How would you tell someone what God’s grace has done in your life?*
2. *How has grace been extended to you on a human level where you know God was working through the person doing it?*

Following Up in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Philippians 2:1-8. What is the attitude of Christ described in the passage? How would you define and describe humility?

Tuesday: Mark 8:27-9:1. What is the question that Jesus asks to start this out this passage? How does that connect with the command in verse 34? How would you explain verse 34 to a new Christian or to a friend who is not yet a Christian?

Wednesday: Acts 20:24. How does Paul find his own life to be precious? In what ways has your own life had God working in it this way?

Thursday: Luke 23:39-43. Contrast the two thieves on the cross. The one thief asks the question “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” What does fear of God have to do with humility? Do you see repentance in this statement?

Friday: Acts 20:28. How can it help to see someone as bought with the blood of Jesus as Paul instructs here?

Saturday: Acts 20:33-35. What does it mean to covet? Where is this teaching rooted in the Old Testament? Have you found it more blessed to give than to receive?