

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for Sept 18, 2022
Show and Tell: Offer Grace

“When have you given someone something that they didn’t deserve?”



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

Share a time when you received something good that you didn’t deserve. How did it make you feel?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Matthew 9: 1-8

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1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
2. Did Jesus give the paralyzed man and his friends what they were likely looking for right away?
3. How do you think the teachers of the Law would have answered the question Jesus asked in verse 5?
4. When you think of what Jesus went through to be able to forgive sins, how might that change the answer?
5. Why did the teachers of the Law accuse Jesus of blasphemy? (read Isaiah 43: 25)
6. With that in mind, what did Jesus show them by healing the paralyzed man?
7. Pastor Timothy Keller (large church in NYC) defines Grace as: “A completely undeserved gift, from a completely unobligated giver.” What do you think of that definition?
8. Why do we like the 1st part of the definition but not the 2nd so much? (Genesis 3: 1-8)
9. Based on 1 Tim 1: 12-16, would Paul agree with Pastor Keller’s definition?
10. With the above definition in mind, what Grace have you received? What Grace have you given?
11. How might God use the Grace you offer to bring someone to a saving faith in Jesus?

- **SERVE** *others*

- How might God want to use you this week to offer Grace to someone so that He can bring them to a saving faith in Jesus?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**

9/21/22 Foundations Bible Study - "SHOW AND TELL" Offer Grace – Pastor John.

(When have you given someone something good that they didn't deserve?)

Central to the Christian faith is the doctrine of grace – that God gives us that which we don't deserve. Instead of just talking about this doctrine, however, we are also called to live out this doctrine in how we treat others.

1 Tim 4: 16 ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

Matthew 9:1-8 (New International Version)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

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Isaiah 43: 25

²⁵ "I, even I, am He Who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

Psalms 139: 1-6

¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Genesis 3:1-8 (New International Version)

The Fall

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

1 Timothy 1:12-16 (New International Version) *

The Lord’s Grace to Paul

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.