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Foreword

Grace is one of the most powerful truths in the Christian faith, yet it is also one of the most misunderstood. Many believers know that grace is available, but few understand how to recognize it, walk in it, and put it to work in their daily lives.

This book brings the subject of grace into practical focus.

What you are about to read is more than a collection of statements about God's unmerited favor. It is a call to understand the workings of grace and to become intentional about depending on it. Throughout this message, the preacher shows how grace can deliver, enthrone, preserve, distinguish, empower, and position a believer for uncommon results.

One of the strongest lessons in this book is that grace is not an excuse for passivity. Grace must be received, trusted, and engaged. The reader is challenged to make demands on grace, testify of God's workings, maintain humility, and continually grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The message also brings an important warning. Grace can be resisted when the flesh, the world system, or Satan is allowed to dominate a believer's life. This makes the teaching both encouraging and corrective. It reminds us that walking in the fullness of grace requires a heart that is yielded to God.

As editors, our responsibility has been to preserve the preacher's voice while making this message easier to read and revisit. The original preaching carries the urgency, repetition, illustrations, declarations, and spiritual intensity of a live meeting. We have therefore sought to clean the transcript without removing the character of the message.

We encourage you not to read this book merely for information.

Read it prayerfully.

Pause over the Scriptures. Reflect on the truths being taught. Examine your dependence on God. And where the preacher calls you to respond, allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart.

May these pages help you understand grace more deeply, depend on it more completely, and walk in the reality of what God has made available to you through Christ.

May your life become a testimony of the excellency of His grace.

— Wisdom Epsi

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Publisher's Note

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The message you are about to read was originally ministered in a live congregational setting. As such, it carries the weight, urgency, and atmosphere of that sacred gathering. Minor grammatical and structural adjustments have been made solely to enhance readability, without altering the substance, intent, or power of the original delivery.

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Main Message

Begins Here



Introduction

And so tonight, I'll try as much as possible to keep it calm and then to build, because my goal is for you to take this truth, practice it deliberately, and watch how your life changes from one level to another progressively and positively, in the name of Jesus Christ.

And so, I was supposed to go back to our series on the **I AM**, but I told us on Sunday that because we couldn't touch the sixth class in the school of process, I was going to conclude it tonight.

And so, the next teaching on **I AM** will be shifted to Sunday because Sunday will be an explosive service. It will be a service of encounters, and so we will shift it.

On Sunday, I will teach on “**I Am the Light**,” and light will fall here in this place.

You know the Bible said:

“The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea,
beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;
The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in
the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”

— **Matthew 4:15–16, KJV**

Darkness is not light out. Darkness is actually a government of demonic spirits. And so, when demonic spirits rule, it is called darkness.

You can be in darkness and everything is in plain sight in the spirit. Your experience is what determines whether you are walking in light or darkness.

And as we teach on Sunday, powers will break. Chains will be cut off.

I don't know if we will complete the service, but if you find yourself on the floor in the front, or we go and leave you, anytime you wake up, go into your inheritance.

Pastor Victor was sharing how something hit a young man last week Sunday, and when he discovered himself, it was after the service. They carried him to the back, and he said, “What brought me here?”

Can you imagine the clothes he wore for the first time? He was messed up. He's a strong man. How did I find myself on the floor?

The land of Zabulon, the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people that sat in darkness. Something will collide with you and you will just receive your breakthrough.

What happened?

Something can hit you, and then your helper will travel from Houston, Texas, and come to Nigeria. He won't know why.

My friend came into the country today and he said, “I flew to London,” and I said, “London to Nigeria is just six hours. Instead of going back, why not I drop by?”

Meanwhile, when he came, he brought me some packages. I said, “It's not because London is six hours. You were burdened. You had to see me. You were compelled.”

He couldn't help it. He had to bring a package.

My angels were beckoning you.

Something will hit you. Your helper will travel 2,000 kilometers. He would think he just wants to stroll to Abuja.

There is nothing like strolling to Abuja in the spirit. You will be networked into divine destinations.

CHAPTER ONE

The Classes in the School of Process

And so, we said there are seven classes in the school of process. The first class in the school of process is the **class of encounters**.

The Class of Encounters

And the reason is because when you journey into the earth, you came here without understanding.

God ensured that your brain was empty when you appeared. Meanwhile, you didn't begin the day you came here, because He said:

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee...”

— **Jeremiah 1:5, KJV**

That means you existed as an intangible, incorporeal seed in the realm of eternity. Your reality already existed in God.

He decided to isolate you through the womb of a woman. But when you came, He decided to lock up your mind so that you cannot understand the things that are of the heavens.

He wanted you to learn the ways of God while you walk through the earth.

But unfortunately, other spirits had found their way into the earth realm. Because before you came, He said:

“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath...”

— **Revelation 12:12, KJV**

And so, because other spirits are in the earth realm, they will take advantage of your ignorance and your naivety and teach you other sets of doctrines that are not of God.

And so, you will discover that your emotions will be mentored in the direction of fear.

Your emotions will be mentored in the direction of lust.

You won't know how, but somehow you will start struggling with lust, and you are wondering, “What school did I learn this from?”

The reason is because you came into the earth realm and there are many spirits on the earth.

And because you are like an antenna—science has even proven it—man is like an antenna. You can pick frequencies and vibrations.

The reason the hall became charged and you were jumping is because you were connecting with energies.

You are an antenna, and those spirits will take advantage of your DNA, your spiritual DNA, and traffic different energies and different spiritual knowledge into your being in order to divert you from your eternal purpose.

And so, the only way you can reconnect back to the foundation of knowledge from whence you were birthed is through an encounter.

So God will journey back from eternity past into the present in order to bring you the allocated body of knowledge that is made for your fulfillment in time.

That experience you have is what we call **divine encounter**.

You may be on a business trip to Lagos. While you are in the market, an angel will whisper to your ear and say, “You are a prophet of God.”

Even though you would have loved to make money, or the nation will receive you and you can be on the altar preaching with fire, an encounter—a Scripture will appear. It may not even be an angel. A Scripture that will pop up will let you know that this is not the place you are supposed to be.

You came here by zeal. Your place is in the market. And the moment that encounter comes, you will struggle here. You will no longer make progress until you go to the market. And the moment you come to the market, the doors will open to you.

Encounters will help you from dislocation in destiny. They will reveal to you the things that were written in the slate of eternity for you.

When you find it, there will be specificity of purpose. There will be empowerment to fulfill destiny, and it will bring you to a place of rest. You won't have need to compete with any man because you would have found your path. So we said the first class in the school of process is the **class of encounter**.

And when you have had your encounter, you will enter into the next class because encounters will not be enough.

The Class of Instruction

Moses had an encounter with God on Horeb, the mountain of God. But again and again, Moses would have to go back to the mountaintop. He said the cloud would descend, and Moses would be called to the mountain. Instructions will need to come from time to time, again and again, either through the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures, or through men that God will send into your life.

Because without instruction, even though you have an encounter, you may take off before your time, and the error that you will fall into will give the devil an advantage even in your manifestation.

That's why he said:

“Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.”

— **1 Timothy 3:6, KJV**

The devil can allow you to become popular, and when you become popular, he will let you fall into immorality, and the whole world will hear that this pastor has fornicated. What will happen is that the faith of many people will be broken. That's why when you go on Facebook today, the most endangered, especially on the internet, are pastors.

The moment it is a pastor, everybody rises with hammer and dagger. They want to kill them because some novices that didn't go through the college of instruction have brought reproach and ridicule to the name of God.

And so, when a man receives an encounter, God will allow him to go through the class of instruction so that his life will be tailored.

The Class of Service

When he goes through the class of instruction, God will still expose him through the **class of service**.

He knows you are a prophet to the nations of the world. You are an apostle to Africa.

But he will allow you to serve under a man because in the school of service, your heart posture will be textured.

Because you may think that ministry is to wear a suit the way I'm wearing now, and when you are preaching, you will stand like this because they are taking pictures for Facebook.

You will stand like this. Sometimes you will do like this so that when they capture it, when you are giving action speech, they have the posture.

When you are doing imitation, you do like—

Because you saw a pastor with a three-piece suit and a deep voice.

If you go like that, the principalities in the territory will knock you and you will sink.

You have not seen casualties in this business because the battle of principalities is a battle of legalities.

These guys don't go because you shouted the name of Jesus.

Even Jesus Himself, they met Him on the mountain after He fasted for forty days. He was blazing with fire, and the devil came and said, “Are You the Son of God?”

When Jesus was on fire, he said, “If You are the Son of God, turn these stones to bread.”

The reason is because they wanted to navigate Him into rebellion.

The moment you violate the laws of the spirit realm, they will break you.

That was what Adam did not understand.

So the battle of principalities is a battle to dislodge intelligence that will make you violate the law of God.

And when you violate the law of God, your heart becomes porous.

They will kill you.

Hope you know that the sons of Sceva were shouting the name of Jesus.

Sometimes, when they come before you call the name of Jesus, they will now look at you and say, "I know Jesus."

You will think it is a pronunciation that casts out demons.

They will call the name better than you and let you know that in this realm, we want to find out whether you are clothed with the full armour of God.

Is there righteousness on your breastplate?

Is there the helmet of salvation?

Is there the belt of truth?

Is there the boot for the readiness of the Gospel?

Is there the shield of faith?

Is there the sword of the Spirit?

If you are not guarded, they will cut you off.

It's in the place of service that God will make sure that your heart is tightened.

The things that are porous in your heart that deities would have taken advantage of to cut you off, He will texture them in service. So sometimes I say you may be the most gifted. You show up, and you are hoping that, “Oh, choir! The day they hear my voice, they will repent.”

They will now hear your voice and say, “Kai! Go to intercession.”

You will get angry and leave the church with your back. Your wilderness journey is far.

You may come from where you came from—you are an apostle there—and then when you came here, you are waiting for the day they will do Bible study so that when you explain some Scriptures, they will know that, “Kai, this brother has depth. He should start giving charge.”

When you finish doing your exercises, they may not pick you up again for two years.

You now say, “These people are jealous. Can you imagine the body of Christ? Because they know that I'm gifted now, they don't want me to shine.”

People don't come here to shine.

You will have your Bible knowledge, but God does not exalt men because of knowledge.

He says:

“I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

— **Jeremiah 17:10, KJV**

So in the school of service, God will deal with your heart until you are ready to be lifted, so that through your life, many will come to the knowledge of the truth.

The Class of Self-Denial

When you pass the class of service, God will now take you to the **class of self-denial**.

In the class of self-denial, God will teach you the way of sacrifice because you may still be thinking it's about you.

It's about you.

When you pass the class of self-denial, you will know one lesson: that it's always about Jesus.

It's not about anybody in this kingdom.

All of us are representing different dimensions of Christ.

There is nothing in this kingdom that is about you.

Because if you don't know this class, things will go wrong.

When you pass the class of self-denial, He will now enter you into the **class of warfare**.

The Class of Warfare

God will allow you there.

You know, when in warfare, God wants to use you to shine.

The devil came to God. The sons of God appeared before God, and Satan also came.

And Satan said, “I have dominated the earth realm.”

You know, he was the prince that ruled the earth before. So his goal, moving to and through the earth, is to come back as the ruler of the earth.

And then when he showed back, he told God, “I've gone through the whole earth. There's nobody. I'm the only man reigning there now.”

And God said, “Ah, have you seen My servant Job?”

So it was actually God that exposed Job.

“And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth...”

— **Job 1:8, KJV**

Have you seen? He is a man that feared God and eschewed evil.

“Go and tempt him. Let's see if you have won.”

So there are different layers of warfare. But when you fight and you win, it will now prove that your faith is in God, not in things. One thing warfare will prove in your life is what you truly believe—where your conviction rests.

And when you pass the school of warfare, then God can deploy grace in your direction.

The Class of Grace

It is on the strength of understanding the class of encounter, the class of instruction, the class of service, the class of self-denial, and the class of warfare that we find ourselves in the **class of grace**.

Because grace is the sixth school in the school of process. And if you don't understand grace, the whole five classes you went through would have been a waste.

Because what will make you qualify in destiny is **grace**.

What will make God reward you in eternity is **grace**.

So without grace, you have no identity with God.

Without grace, you have no relevance with God.

Without grace, you have no reward in eternity.

You may come here and preach so intelligently with your brain.

If it was not deployed by grace, men will be so impressed, but God will be disdained.

The reason is because if you do it without grace, you can take the glory.

And the system is designed such that no man can take glory.

So the only way you can please God is when you function through grace.

The only way you can receive a reward with God is when you function by grace.

And if grace is this important, then it is wise that we understand what grace is all about.

The Operation of Grace

So in this class, God will regulate you and bring everything to the operation of grace. You may prepare yourself and meditate on your note to come and preach. The moment you climb the altar, your brain will go blank.

Those who are preachers, they know what I'm saying. Your brain will go blank. Sometimes when you check your iPad, you discover that you have mistakenly deleted your note. The people will be waiting for the apostle of fire to minister. That's when your heart will cut into two.

Sometimes when a preacher is worshiping here, he's not worshiping God. He's asking for mercy. He has discovered suddenly that he needs grace to survive.

You will just see some people kneel down. It's not His help he's looking for. You will—You will be going for an interview. They will come with your first class. You will hold your certificate.

You are waiting for the people to say, “All of you in first class, go to the right.”

And then you will come to the interview.

They will now say, “Everybody with first class, go to the right.”

You need to see our first-class brothers. They will now walk like this. They are the ones that actually went to the university.

When you now go there, the first person you start talking with will now say, “I have three degrees, and I made first class in all of them. I have two master's degrees and I have two PhDs.”

You now say, “Which position are you coming for? Is it the same position?”

“Is it the same?”

He will say, “Yes.”

Things are not working.

You will now carry your one degree with your one first class. You will kneel down by the corner and pray in tongues quickly because you will discover that:

“For by strength shall no man prevail.”

— **1 Samuel 2:9, KJV**

The call of grace will ensure that you will be humbled so that you can depend on God.

The Mightiest Were Recognized by Grace

And so I said that even the mightiest of us were reckoned with God by grace.

In Matthew 11:11, Jesus was speaking concerning John.

You see, of all men born of women, there is none greater than John.

The reason is because the witness that John came to bear, no other prophet before him brought that level of witness.

John was the one to open the way for the Lord.

Every prophet prophesied about Jesus in type and in shadow. John was the one to point Jesus to a generation.

So his duty was like the culmination of everything every prophet ever did.

Meanwhile, if you study the Scripture, you will discover that only God announces eras.

No man has the stature to announce an era.

When the Word began, it was God that announced the era. God the Father.

Before the Son came, John was given the opportunity to announce the era of the Son.

After Jesus left, when the era of the Holy Ghost was to come, Jesus Himself was the one who announced it.

And when the final era of judgment is to come, the Bible said Jesus will descend with a blast, with the voice of a trumpet.

So only the Trinity announces different dispensations of God.

John was the only mortal that was given the privilege to announce a dispensation.

He was the one that announced Jesus to a generation.

He had so much stature. This stature was so much that Jesus had to kneel down for John to baptize Him.

And when John said, “No, I shouldn't do this,” Jesus said:

“Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”

— **Matthew 3:15, KJV**

The Godhead had sat together, and we have concluded that this privilege will be given to you.

But how was John able to carry out such a mighty feat?

It was in Luke 1:80 that the Bible revealed it to us. It said:

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.”

— **Luke 1:80, KJV**

And he said the child John grew in stature and he grew in grace.

So if grace was not supplied, it would have been impossible for John to carry out that assignment.

So grace is what you need in order to fulfill your destiny.

Even Jesus Himself—in Luke 2:52, the Bible said He what?

He grew in grace.

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

— **Luke 2:52, KJV**

He grew.

Everybody requires grace in order to fulfill destiny.

If John, the greatest of all the prophets, required grace; if Jesus, the Son of the living God, had to grow before He fulfilled destiny, who told you if you don't have grace you will fulfill destiny?

Who told you without grace you can fulfill destiny?

It's impossible to fulfill destiny without grace.

CHAPTER TWO

You Already Have Grace

But here is the beautiful story. The story here is that you don't need to go looking for grace. Imagine if you needed to go look for grace. It would have been an everlasting journey.

And so, because God knows how important grace is for your destiny, before you began, He packaged you with enough grace. So in John 1:16, the Bible said something. It said:

“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.”

— **John 1:16, KJV**

Have we all received grace heaped upon grace?

So there is no man here who is lacking grace.

In fact, in Romans 5:17, the Bible said:

“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”

— **Romans 5:17, KJV**

So the capital you require for your destiny, you have more than enough because the capital for your destiny is grace.

And God did not just give you a measure like faith.

You know, when He has to do with faith, He said unto every man is dealt the measure of faith.

When it came to the subject of grace, He said you have received what?

Abundance of grace.

He didn't stop there.

He said, “Of the fullness of Christ you have received grace heaped upon grace.”

The question therefore is, if you have received the full fruits of grace, why do you need to learn grace anymore?

I think you have more than enough.

That means anything you do, grace will manifest.

The unfortunate thing is that it doesn't work like that.

The reason it doesn't work like that is because it's one thing to have and it's another thing to walk in.

Having and walking in are not the same.

In Romans 8:9, he said:

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.”

— **Romans 8:9, KJV**

But in Galatians 5:25, he now says:

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

— **Galatians 5:25, KJV**

So it's one thing to live in the Spirit; it's another thing to what?

Walk in the Spirit.

The same way, it's one thing to have abundance of grace; it's another thing to walk in grace.

So every one of us seated in this auditorium does not have need for more grace.

Every one of us seated in this auditorium, the Bible already said we have what?

Abundance.

That means wherever you are, in fact, the Bible said:

“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”

— **Romans 5:20, KJV**

So whatever your condition is, you already have abundance of grace.

So the problem of every man is a problem of lack of understanding.

The grace you need to succeed in business, you already have abundance of it.

The grace you need to succeed in ministry, you already have abundance of it.

The problem you have is the administration of that grace.

The problem you have is the spiritual understanding of how you need to walk in that grace.

So your problem is not a bankruptcy or a scarcity of grace.

Your problem is the lack of understanding of how to walk in grace or to administer the grace that is upon your life.

Four Calamities That Can Happen to a Man Who Has Grace

And before we entered into the subject of understanding what grace is, I said it was important for us to understand four calamities that can happen to a man that has grace.

So that you will know that even though this grace is already there, there can be a challenge.

And I said the first challenge a man can have with grace is that it's possible to **receive grace in vain**.

So you have the abundance of—you have grace for everything you want to do.

But it's possible that that grace you have in abundance, you received it in vain.

Receiving Grace in Vain

So in 2 Corinthians 6:1, Paul began to teach them.

He said:

“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”

— **2 Corinthians 6:1, KJV**

Paul was speaking to them on this matter. He had some level of understanding, and what was Paul's burden?

That you should not receive the grace of God in vain.

And if you study verse two of this same Scripture, he reveals to you what you do to receive grace in vain.

He said what you do to receive grace in vain is when you refuse to put grace to work.

So what you need to do today, you procrastinate it for tomorrow.

And you say, “Well, I know God has sent me to Lagos, but I want to take my time.”

God tells you, “Go and pray for the sick.”

You say, “Well, I know God wants me to pray for the sick, but maybe later. Maybe when the service is over.”

The more you delay to deploy grace, the more your grace will become in vain.

The more you want to work based on your competence, the more your grace will be in vain.

I know you have a first-class degree, and that's beautiful.

It's a record of diligence, focus, and commitment. And that's good character as far as life is concerned.

But when you want to step out of life, in addition to the diligence you have deployed to receive a first-class degree, you need to take advantage of grace.

Because what will distinguish you from the sons of the bondwoman and other godless people out there who also deploy their abilities to have a first class is the grace that you carry in addition.

So the Bible is mentoring us to understand that every time we refuse to deploy grace, we have received the grace of God in vain.

Is it possible that you are doing that business only on the strength of experience?

Is it possible that you are doing that ministry only on the strength of the experience that you have served somebody?

Is it possible that you are going to school only on the strength of the fact that your IQ is high?

Is it possible that you are going out every day just because you think you are beautiful, and because you are beautiful, doors will open for you?

Is it possible that you are going out just because you think you are eloquent?

In addition to everything you have, you must take advantage of grace for every step and every phase of your life.

Frustrating the Grace of God

Because if you have not received the grace of God in vain, the second thing that can happen to you is that you can **frustrate the grace of God**.

In Galatians 2:21, Paul said:

“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

— **Galatians 2:21, KJV**

So what does it mean to frustrate grace?

You frustrate grace when your trust is not in Jesus.

Your trust is in your hard work.

It's one thing to put your trust in your ability, and then it's another thing to put your trust in your record.

When you put your trust in your ability and your record, you have frustrated the grace of God.

I know you have been a pastor for 30 years.

But the reason God will make you a father is not just because you have been there for 30 years.

Too many people come and we talk so much about our capacities and our record.

Somebody comes for a service and he prays for the blind, and the moment the eyes of the blind open, he says, “Because I have fasted for one year.”

Do you know how many people who fasted for one year and died?

Do you know how many people who fasted for one year and met demons?

Is it wrong to fast?

No.

It's beautiful.

Every one of us fast.

I have fasted straight for five years before, six to six every day.

But it will be foolishness to show up and say, “God is doing what He is doing because you fasted.”

Do you know how many years the fathers of old fasted?

Do you know how many years certain intercessors fasted?

In fact, if you are a student of church history, you will discover that from Malachi to John the Baptist was 400 years of darkness.

In those 400 years of darkness, there were some intercessors that prayed for 100 years and died.

Nothing happened.

That 100 years passed.

Another set of intercessors prayed for 100 years and died.

Nothing happened. That second 100 years passed. The third 100 years, intercessors prayed and died. Nothing happened. Four hundred years.

The fourth 100 years, intercessors still prayed and died. Lo and behold, here were some fishermen who were not praying but hustling to make money.

And while they were at the riverbank, the Son of Man that prophets had prophesied about 800 years before—the Son of Man that intercessors had prayed for years—came to the riverbank and said:

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

— **Matthew 4:19, KJV**

What are you talking about?

How about the intercessors that prayed for years? Didn't they find them?

That's why, in addition to your hard work, you must give recourse to grace. Because what will make you have the advantage is not necessarily because of what you are doing. If you know how many people are bowing down and repenting, that's why I say:

“For by strength shall no man prevail.”

— **1 Samuel 2:9, KJV**

Do you know that the salvation that Jesus gave to these fishermen, they wouldn't pray about it?

The Bible said the angels in 1 Peter 1:12 are trying to look into it, just to have a glimpse of what that salvation is about.

Here were fishermen who knew nothing about what it takes to bring salvation, and Jesus calls them. But grace chose them all the same. Somebody here, grace will so distinguish you. People will marvel and say, “**Why him?**”

Grace Will Distinguish You

Every time they say, “Why him?” say, “**Grace said so.**”

You did not qualify, but grace chose you.

You are not conscious of it, but the problem is that you can become the son of perdition.

The reason Judas thought the worth of Jesus was thirty pieces of silver is because he didn't pray in tongues for seventy years.

If he met the intercessors that prayed for the manifestation of Jesus, he would have known that Jesus doesn't have a price.

But because he was casually invited, he thought it was a joke.

You will not take grace for granted.

Grace Will Make You Above Your Circumstances

Did you not hear that?

And the Bible says you will lend to many nations and you will not borrow.

How can you live in a nation and lend to that nation?

Because they say:

“Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.”

— **Ecclesiastes 11:2, KJV**

You know not the evil that will come upon the earth.

There is an economy where man lives by a resource that doesn't come from the earth.

That's why you can live in a country and be bigger than that country.

Did you not read about Isaac?

He said:

“And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew, until he became very great.”

— **Genesis 26:13, KJV**

Until he became exceedingly great, that the Philistines envied him.

It was not just because he was hardworking.

There was a grace at work.

That was the same grace that his father carried.

In fact, the point came when the Philistines came and said, “Go away from us. You are mightier than us.”

How can a nation come to one man and tell him, “Go away from us. You are mightier than us”?

CHAPTER THREE

When Grace Changes a Man's Story

Did you read about Kenneth Copeland?

Kenneth Copeland was a pauper. But God decided to embarrass him with wealth.

And today, the last time Copeland counted, more than ten years ago, he had given out 27 jets.

I didn't say bicycles.

And there were said to be some nations where their president don't have planes.

He gave them jets for their presidential era.

How can a man who was struggling to eat suddenly become so wealthy that he gives planes in the name of the Lord Jesus?

You will not be disadvantaged.

You will not be frustrated in life.

I don't care what it is you are going through, but as you leave this service—

You will not frustrate grace because you will not put your faith on the things you can see.

No.

Somebody will leave here today and his faith will be on Christ.

Even when there is nothing to eat, he will say, “Jesus is Lord.”

I still say Jesus is Lord.

He's not only Saviour; He is Lord.

That means I am His property.

And the last time I checked, God is jealous over what belongs to Him.

He's jealous over me.

I will not frustrate the grace of God.

Turning Grace into Lasciviousness

Number three: the thing that can happen to a man is that he can **turn the grace of God into lasciviousness**.

Have you seen people before who don't do what the principles of the kingdom prescribe and they say, “Because of the grace of God, things will work”?

No.

We are in a kingdom that is regulated by principles and laws.

You can't be a student and you are going to parties, you are sleeping when the exam is tomorrow, and you say, “I will pass by grace.”

That is turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.

In Jude 1:4, it said:

“For there are certain men crept in unawares...”

— **Jude 1:4, KJV**

And it speaks of those who turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness.

When people begin to use grace as an excuse not to do due diligence in every area of their life, they rob a generation of the excellency of diligence and hard work.

God does not want any believer to become complacent just because grace is available.

In fact, grace is the empowerment that will make you do what you ought to do.

In 1 Corinthians 15:10, Paul said:

“I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

— **1 Corinthians 15:10, KJV**

He said, “I labour more than all the apostles.”

Yet not I.

It is the grace of God that is in me that empowers me to labour.

Grace will not make you sleep when you should read for an exam.

Grace will not let you allow yourself to fornicate just because there's forgiveness.

Grace will rather empower you to live above the forces that pull men.

And in the name of the Lord Jesus, I speak over you that grace will come upon a generation, making them to negate the duties of their—

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Falling from Grace

The fourth thing that happens to people that have grace is that they can **fall from grace**.

In Galatians 5:4, the Bible says:

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.”

— **Galatians 5:4, KJV**

Somebody will receive a miracle.

[Ministration]

I have a little journey tonight.

The catastrophe of this is that grace—

Galatians 5:4 says that when we seek to be justified by the law, we become fallen from grace.

What does that mean?

When a man feels what qualifies him is outside of Jesus, he has already fallen from grace.

These things look simple, but I'm telling you why men struggle in life.

All things that pertain to godliness have been given to us, but they come through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue.

This is why men become graceless.

Ask them why they do what they do, and they are hopelessly frustrated because they fall out of grace because they want to receive justification by what they can do.

Somebody wants to come up and tell you, “I fasted for one year.”

He has fallen from grace.

Is fasting wrong?

Yes? No.

Is it important to want to make a sacrifice?

Yes.

But when you begin to place your confidence in your sacrifice instead of Christ, you have fallen from grace.

This is why men struggle.

CHAPTER FOUR

Grace Is Divinity Expressed Through Humanity

Before I tell you how grace works, let me show you the streams of grace. If you don't know grace, you will struggle in life. How much do you grow as one man by the grace of God?

Men are making impact and making a difference because there's something about them. If there were anything about anybody's excellence, men anywhere, he said there is a great God manifesting through ordinary men.

What?

Grace is divinity expressed through humanity.

In John 1:14, he said:

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

— **John 1:14, KJV**

And concerning Christ, the Bible says:

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

— **John 1:17, KJV**

So Jesus was the first reflection of what grace truly is.

Jesus was completely man, and on another aspect, Jesus was completely God.

Do Not Compare Your Journey

Some of them are not succeeding, but what they are doing is not you. Don't allow what another brother is doing to put you under pressure. What the brother is doing—what is special?

Don't compare yourself. Whatever it is you are experiencing, don't underestimate yourself. Don't put yourself under pressure. Don't engage in competition because of what another person is doing. Grace has different expressions.

What God is doing through another person does not mean He will do it through you in exactly the same way.

Esther and Divine Selection

In Esther 2:17, I told us already: kings don't marry by mistake.

Especially when human beings are properties of kings.

When he selects, they will appease.

The king had 127 provinces.

We are talking about one of the most powerful kingdoms that ever existed.

And we are talking about people from all over the kingdom.

Queen Vashti was one of the most beautiful persons that ever walked the face of the earth.

And when Vashti was having a banquet—

In those days, when the king wanted to have a banquet, a banquet could be three months, just to help you understand how big they were.

Talk about provinces over the whole of West Africa.

That's how big they are.

The Manipulation of Grace

Sometimes it is for two months. And while this mighty banquet was going on, he called for the most pretty damsels, as far as credentials were concerned. And vast manipulation began in the heavens.

Because sometimes grace can begin to set up complex algorithms in the spirit.

Because God can begin to manipulate the stars. We can begin to manipulate migration issues and all of a sudden, you find grace.

That is the mentality of grace.

So, in Esther 2:7, he said Esther had more than 57 provinces. You don't imagine how many ladies are in that kingdom.

But he said Esther found grace, and what they did for her was that they kicked somebody to the side, and then you show up. You are wondering, "Where do I enter?"

You don't know grace.

If not, there is sufficiency.

Of course, there is a manipulation of grace.

Sometimes you are wondering why they are relying on your job. It is because they wanted to hire somebody else. You are the one who is there. That is a manipulation in the realm of the spirit.

They told you they are no longer interested in your supply because they are not interested. Somebody else is there.

There is something beautiful about grace, and that is why we have abundance. We struggle because we want to do things by our strength.

And He said, "By strength shall no man prevail."

That has already been settled.

You are special because His name is called grace.

You will succeed when you take advantage of grace.

Grace Helps a Man to Finish Well

I'll just read Scriptures now so that I'll be fast. We are out of time.

In Hebrews 13:9, he says, "It is a good thing for the heart to be established with grace."

So, the third thing grace does is that **grace helps a man to finish well**.

See, this journey is great.

The beauty of the journey is not how you started. It is how you finished.

But there is something that, if you deploy it before you finish, there will be an assurance that you will finish strong.

Finishing strong is not by chance. Finishing strong is not by the well wishes of men.

The whole world hated Jesus and they crucified Him. Yet, in crucifixion, He finished strong.

Many people think finishing strong is by receiving well wishes or goodwill from people. And they fight for the goodwill of people until they lose their own destiny because they want to please everybody. And in pleasing everybody, they lose their identity.

It is not the goodwill of men that makes you finish strong.

Goodwill from men is very important, and as much as is possible, receive them. Commendations are very important. As much as is possible, receive them.

But let me tell you something: **what makes a man finish strong is grace.**

In Acts 20:32, Paul said:

"I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

The power to keep a man is captured in the grace that is at work in his life.

I'm saying this because I'm still going to teach you how to deploy grace, so that you will know how important this is.

The first thing grace will do to you is that **it will deliver you in any situation you find yourself.**

The second thing grace will do for you is that **it will enthrone you even when, by every standard, you should be a slave.**

The third thing grace will do for you is that **grace will insist that you finish strong.**

This is why we don't take the subject of grace for granted.

If it were possible, we would talk about grace every day because the insurance policy that everybody has in this kingdom to finish is by grace.

Paul said, "We have continued to this day because God has helped us," not because we are masters, not because we are competent.

We have continued to this day because God has helped us.

What makes a man finish—finish well—is grace.

That's the third tributary of grace.

Grace and Uncommon Answers

Number four is **the power that provokes uncommon answers**.

You pray them later thoughts. That's a childish thing.

You know there is a move of prayer going on now. And because a majority of the people in the move are children, they invent unscriptural things, and those things make them feel good.

So now, when you come to where people pray, they say, "Capital letter tongue."

There is nothing like that in Scripture.

So when you see a young man praying, he will do like this.

Don't get me wrong. There is a grace for intercession.

When that grace overwhelms a man, he will not be doing drama on the altar. You will feel the energy in the wall. You will know that his intercession is a spirit of supplication that is at work.

There is a spirit of groaning.

When the spirit of groaning comes upon a man, he will lose the capacity for articulate speech. His utterance will be hijacked because the Holy Ghost is so strong.

No matter how he tries, sometimes he will even begin to gasp for air.

But spiritual men will see it and understand.

But when it becomes a drama, you are the only person, and the energy is not even available. People are now looking, "What is he doing?"

He now is taking capital letters on childishness.

Find out what Scripture says and find out how Scripture says it should be.

Just because you are enjoying something does not mean it will produce results.

Many people have destroyed themselves.

Some people will just come and be quoting mindless Scripture. John 3:16—they don't meditate on any of it. The Scripture they are quoting, they don't know it.

But people are impressed when they quote 500 Scriptures, and when they are coming down, they come down like oracles.

When you are 45 years old, by the time you have three children, they need to pay school fees. By the time you are quoting those Scriptures and you are struggling with lust, you now discover that it is not a show.

You have to speak what is already ingrained in your spirit.

So, you will labor more for Scriptures to be planted, not to quote them to impress men.

When Grace Produces Uncommon Results

When he begins to experience uncommon answers, he can just talk, and the outcome—even him—will know that this thing is God. It is God.

I went to a meeting and I preached. The power of God blew the hall open, and I was so tired. I was going exhausted. All I was thinking of was how to get something cold to drink and lie down.

They now rushed with a lady to me, with her and her husband, and they said they had been married for five years. No issue.

Honestly, I prayed out of respect because if I don't pray, they will say this man of God is heartless.

So I just said, "In the name of Jesus, I will be back here next year, and you will bring your child. I will dedicate your child."

I didn't even know I was going to come back. But I needed to say something to encourage them so that I could escape.

See, you think every time we are in the spirit. When I said it, they said, "Amen," and I escaped. For five months, the woman was seeing her blood. But her belly was growing.

They advised them, "Go and wash this thing."

She said, "No. The pastor said he will come back next year."

Thank God they don't have my number, because if they called me, I would have given them medically sound advice: "Let's go and clean it up and trust God again."

I would have given them medical advice.

But as God would have it, they delivered the baby. When it was nine months, they gave birth to a baby boy. And true to the word of the Lord, I came back after one year, and they were insisting. They said they must take this testimony.

When I heard about the child, I closed my eyes. The people said, "Oh, the oracle of God is talking."

They didn't know that when I closed my eyes, I was thanking God in humility.

"How did You do this?"

Because I knew that my faith was not released. I knew that I did nothing about it. I even forgot.

I held the child.

And the next prayer I prayed was, "Lord, please let this thing begin to happen every day."

Because there were times when I said, "Jesus, please let this dimension remain."

They thought I was blessing the child. They thought I was prophesying. They didn't know I was asking God to help me. But that's why you know the excellency of grace. Sometimes you wake up at night and they tell you somebody is convulsing. You say, "In the name of Jesus, I command you, rise!"

You may not feel it, but you know that you don't have to feel it because we walk by faith, not by sensory perception. When grace delivers to that man, there are uncommon results that he didn't do anything special to produce.

It is grace that made it happen.

Let me read a Scripture for you.

If We Have Found Grace

In Numbers 32:1–5, the Bible said:

"Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;"

They had so many cattle, and they saw other people's land. They knew that this land was good for cattle because they knew that there was something at work in them.

They came to Moses, and in verse 5 they said:

"If we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession."

What was their confidence?

If there is grace, somebody will leave here and say, "I know this job I can't get. But if there is grace in my life, if it is true that I have abundance of grace, if it is true that I have received the fullness of His grace, I will take the job."

And you will be amazed.

Why do we boast in the Lord?

Do you think it is because we are coming down from the mountain?

When we say, "We can't fall by the sword," what do you think we are doing?

We are making a boast in the grace of God.

"If truly we have found grace, let this thing happen."

And many times, to our greatest bewilderment, we see these things happening, doing fully where we have no contribution.

The next time you pray, we will not pray because you speak—

some people want to pray. They will quote. They will coin English and coin English until even God will not begin to find out what the prayer point is.

Your assurance and confidence will not be in your—

Holy Ghost.

Taking Advantage of the Excellency of Grace

Let me show you a Scripture.

Exodus 33:16–17.

Moses—God told Moses, "I will not go with you."

"I will not go."

He says what He means, and He means what He says. But here Moses is taking advantage of the excellency of grace. He said, "If I have found grace with You, if I know this is what You have said, but if by any means I have found grace with You, go with us, so that the nations will know that we are different."

And God said, "I will go."

You know that Hebrew and Aramaic can't make Him change His mind. You know that long hours can't make Him change His mind. But whichever dimension I choose, whether it is Hebrew, whether it is Aramaic, whether it is short or long, I will route it through Christ.

And He said, "If I have found grace..."

There are many times when you are praying in tongues, but you are generating grace.

Grace Can Work Faster

I begin to take advantage of grace, and you will see that grace can work faster—faster than calling a prophet, faster than calling an apostle. You may call five times and it won't be there, but once you can change your—I'm not saying anything, but I'm telling you, there is something you have abundance of. From tonight, you begin to pray. You pray with assurance because you know when grace—Uncommon answers has not provoked.

Grace is the power that distinguishes. I just read a Scripture, Exodus 33:16. He said:

"If I have found grace in thy sight, go with us, lead us, come with us, so that the nations will know that we are separate."

Do you know some people raise the dead and nobody cares about them?

Do you know some people prophesy forensic prophecy and nobody cares about them?

Do you know some people have the best that you call prayer point, and nobody cares?

When grace is at work in a man, the little things he does, grace will magnify before the eyes of people.

That man can just come and tell a story, but because there is grace, the story will be so magnified in the eyes of people, and they will see him and think they have seen God. Have you—for some of us who travel, we know—sometimes you come to a city, you came into this meeting dry. You are hoping that God will help you, and suddenly grace is smeared all over you.

The moment you enter the hall, people begin to shout. It looks as if they have seen an angel. Even you are surprised: "What is happening here?"

Grace is speaking. The language of grace is the language of distinction.

CHAPTER FIVE

A Mantle for Signs and Wonders

Having a vision in the spirit, and somebody being anointed—as I'm talking, your right hand will begin to burn. And it's an anointing for signs and for wonders.

As you leave this meeting, all of a sudden, you will step into places, you will talk, and things will change.

Hear me in all humility. Everyone—anyone who is a pastor here, please lift your hand. There is a rod about to fall on someone for territorial dominance. It is a dimension of the lion. You will step into a territory, and as you speak, it will be like the roar of the lion.

And so, in the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, by the spirit of an endless priesthood, everyone called to serve on the altar, I bring you into the experience of that mantle right now.

Holy Ghost, whoever that one is, I give it to you. While you are there, you return with power. You return with authority. I give you a higher power

You came for an encounter. I bring you an encounter.

Power. Power.

I'm an oil—Oil is coming upon someone.

This oil will bring you speed.

I don't know where you have been stagnated for years, but by the Spirit, by the Spirit, I bring you the witness of speed.

In the name of the Lord Jesus, right now, leave where you are. Go to where you should be.

Help them.

Holy Ghost, I move them forward.

Thank You, Father.

Healing and Strength

I'm seeing the Lord heal bone conditions. You couldn't lift your hand. Lift it up now. Fractures on the legs, on the hand, lift them up. You will discover that that weight has lifted.

Bones, receive strength. Joints, marrows, in the name of Jesus, receive strength. I curse that affliction to its root. Receive strength.

Healed in the name of Jesus.

Thank You, Father. Thank You, Father. We give You praise.

Please sit down.

We have five more minutes.

Thank You, Father.

Grace Is the Power to Work Wonders

Number six: **grace is the power to work wonders.**

The power—Nobody is working wonders just because it is experienced in the realm of the spirit.

Experience is not an advantage.

Your experience can become a great limitation because even the twenty-four elders that have lived in the throne, every time they look at Him, they see a new dimension.

If you are not careful, your experience can become a limitation.

That's why we bank on grace.

In Acts 4:33, it says:

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

It takes wonders to work wonders.

It is one of the tributaries of grace.

In Acts 14:3, it says:

"Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

Help that mama at the back.

I'm seeing a mighty rod of intercession fall upon her.

Grace Makes Your Life Extraordinary

I love ordinary—The Bible spoke concerning Jesus. He said:

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book."

And he said:

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

He said these things were written so that you would believe. Everything Jesus did was wonderful because there was fullness of grace. And concerning you, we say, "Of His fullness..."

If with grace He did so much, such that no volume of books could contain it, then it is an error for your life to be ordinary.

Matthew 8:16:

"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick."

Grace is the power to work wonders.

Grace is not English language. It is the excellency of power.

And the apostles knew it.

In Acts 5:15, when they left the place of prayer, they didn't just go to pray and brag in tongues.

It's not our generation, where somebody prays for two hours and the next minute is confused.

He prayed, and I want to be walking—that by the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

And everyone that the shadow touched was healed. As you are leaving this service, you will go home and they will tell you somebody is sick, and you will say, "I have grace."

And you will touch that person, and that infirmity will—They say God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul. Handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from him. Those handkerchiefs cleansed the sick and cast out demons.

Who told you you are an ordinary person?

You will wake up tomorrow and tell yourself, "I'm not an ordinary person."

Everything I do carries the signature of wonder.

My life is spectacular.

Isaiah said:

"Behold, I and the children which the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts."

That's a man that understands the consciousness of grace.

He said to Zacharias—

He and they that sat with him were greatly astonished.

You will leave this place. Even when you smile with people, anxiety and depression will leave them.

Not because you prayed, but because you smiled with them.

You will walk in this thing so much.

Men will travel from far just to shake you because they will know that every touch with you provokes wonder. In the name of the Lord Jesus, I break that ordinariness in you.

I break that mentality of ordinariness in you, and I bring you from the consciousness and into the experience of the supernatural. You were mentored to believe that you were ordinary. You are not ordinary. You are born of the Spirit of the living God. You are joined with Christ. They say we are joint heirs with Christ.

He said:

"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

You're not ordinary. Grace came to make you a conveyor of signs and of wonders.

Grace Is the Jesus Order of Existence

And finally, grace is the Jesus order of existence.

He said:

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

And he said:

"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."

The same grace that makes Him Christ is the same grace that makes you a believer.

And so your life from today is the Jesus order of existence.

Those who saw you yesterday are in trouble because when they see the next version of you, they will wonder in bewilderment because something about you is about to become like Christ.

Let me tell you, men are wicked. Demons are wicked. They have already estimated you and placed a boundary to your life.

They wish you evil.

It will take grace for you to survive regardless of what men do or think.

I speak over someone today.

It doesn't matter the number of men or demons that can go up against you.

The same way Jesus was unstoppable, you become unstoppable from today. That's the Jesus order of life. And so, in every righteous thing you do today, I command you to prosper.

Thank You, Father.

Hear me.

The apostolic office comes to establish governance and administration. When you step into a place, you bring the order of the divine. And if there are graces that are lacking, you have the capacity to make that grace available.

I see somebody stepping into the governmental dimension of the apostolic. And so, in the name of Jesus, such as I have, I release upon that person, whoever you are, wherever you are right now, that grace. Identify it. Take it in the name of Jesus.

Thank you, Father.

You don't come to places like this and return the same. You are forbidden from returning the same. You may not even know what you heard, but the spirit of this utterance mantles you from today.

As you return, you return with experience. As you return, you return with results. As you return, you return with transformation, in the name of Jesus.

Limitations to Grace

There are two—there are three limitations to grace. I'll just read it to you quickly so that you go. I don't want to come back to this subject because we can never finish it.

The first limitation to grace is the flesh.

In 1 Corinthians 2:14, it says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Every man that allows the flesh to rule over him can never experience the excellency of grace.

Flesh, or carnality, or carnal-mindedness, is what has robbed many believers of the glorious destiny that they have with God. And so, in order to walk in the fullness of the excellency of grace, you must tame flesh in your life.

How to Tame Carnality

Two ways of taming carnality.

Number one is to take your thoughts captive.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 says, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Carnality, or fleshly living, begins from the thought. And so, the way to tame carnality is to arrest your thoughts.

And the way to arrest your thoughts is to use the Word of God to tame them.

And so, when thoughts are coming, you counter them with the Word. You don't keep quiet. When an evil thought is growing in your mind, you shut it down.

The reason many fall is because they allow thoughts to become too big for them to think.

The second way to deal with your thoughts is to renew your mind.

Romans 12:1–2:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

If you want to walk in the fullness of grace, you must tame the flesh. And if you must tame the flesh, you must constantly preoccupy yourself with the business of renewing your mind.

And the way to renew your mind is to contemplate on Scriptures. Think on it. Picture it.

When you read certain Scriptures, remove the person the Scripture is talking about and put yourself there.

When you read that Paul did wonders, take Paul out of the Scripture and plant yourself there.

When you hear that Jesus laid hands on the sick and they recovered, take Jesus out and put yourself there.

He said the things that were written, Romans 15:4, "were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

In 2 Corinthians 4:13, he said, "According as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

If you don't bring your mind under the government of the Holy Spirit, flesh will run on a rampage. You can never maximize grace.

The World System

The second force that works against grace is the world system.

That's why we tell believers, don't copy the world. You are supposed to be the star of this realm.

In Isaiah 55:12, he said, "When you come out, come out with joy. Be led by peace." He said, "The mountains will break before you with singing." And he said, "The trees of the field will clap their hands for you."

We are the trees of righteousness. The trees of the field are the people of the world.

So you are not supposed to be the one clamoring and clapping for them. They should clap for you.

That's why he said in Matthew 28:18, "Go into all the world and disciple them."

How can a secular musician be your role model? You babble like them, dress like them, and you feel important. You are falling from grace.

How do you win the world system?

Number one, you refuse to be part of their ways.

2 Corinthians 6:17 says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing."

They that bear the vessels of God must be clean.

You can't afford to touch the world and not be contaminated.

How do you win the world?

Number two, you disciple her.

So when you see somebody loosely dressed, behaving worldly, call the person to order. Don't be intimidated.

Let your rugged, uncompromising posture challenge their iniquity any day, any time.

Be bold to disciple them. And if you can't, then they shouldn't be part of your space.

Anybody who will not come under the government of the cross has no business doing anything with you.

Are you learning something?

Don't be part of the world.

You'll find yourself watching secular movies. After a while, the prophetic oil begins to go down.

You that just wake up and see, suddenly you struggle. You can't see anymore. The Word has blinded you.

That's why I say friendship with the world is enmity with God. You can't be friends with the world and manifest the grace of God.

Satan Resists Grace

Number three, what resists grace? Satan.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ... should shine unto them."

When you find people struggling with grace, they have come under the government of Satan.

Romans 6:16 says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey."

You can't be the servant of Satan and manifest the grace of God excellently.

How do you deal with Satan?

Number one, James 4:7: submit to God.

Satan is an ancient spirit. You can't fight him by your wisdom. He will take advantage of your naivety.

He knew your great-grandfather. He knew your grandfather. He knows your father. He knows you. He knows the sins that run in your bloodline.

The way to fight Satan is to hide under Christ.

When you submit under the government of God, Satan will naturally be immobilized in your life.

How do you fight Satan?

Number two, 1 Peter 5:8: resist the devil.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

So it's not just enough to submit to God. You resist the devil.

Many times when we go, lock the door, and begin to pray in tongues, now we are resisting the devil.

I saw something that is about to enter my heart, so I quickly run home and I shut the door and declare, "The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus."

My mind is a spiritual incubating system. Only righteousness dwells there.

In the name of the Lord Jesus, I cast out imagination.

You are resisting the devil.

Many people take it for granted. You see a lustful image. You are already beginning to lust. You are acting strong.

Wait. When the gestation period is complete, you will find yourself running after women. And if it doesn't work, you will find the harlot.

Who told you that if you don't resist the devil, you will stand?

Flesh, the world, and Satan—they are the forces that resist grace.

How to Put Grace to Work

How do you take advantage of grace, or how do you put grace to work?

Number one, depend completely on God.

I don't have time to talk about it. Maybe at another time.

In Acts 14:26, the Bible said, "And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God."

They knew that it is the grace of God that keeps men.

In Acts 20:32, I read to you already, "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

If you want to see grace work in your life, you must depend on grace.

Only those who completely depend on grace see grace at work in their lives.

If you have a Plan B, grace will never work.

Grace will make sure and insist that you completely depend on it before it works.

Number two, Make demands on grace

Make demand on grace.

If you don't make demand on grace, grace will not speak.

Don't just assume this thing will work.

I told you already, in Exodus 33:16, it says, "If I have found grace in thy sight, go with us."

That's what it means to make demand on grace.

Sometimes you are ministering, you see somebody who is deaf. The Holy Ghost has not spoken. You say, "Bring that deaf person here."

"Bring that deaf person here."

"What is wrong with you?"

"I can't hear."

"You will hear now."

Ah!

How do you boast of these things?

The king sent his messenger and said, "How dare you make this kind of boast?"

Did you not hear what we did to the king—the kingdoms of the heathen?

When you don't make demand on grace, you can't see grace at work. Sometimes when you are on camera, that's when you pray for the most impossible situation. Allow yourself to be disgraced. It's a lecture in the school of the Spirit.

It may not work now; it will work tomorrow.

When you pray for the sick, take testimonies. If nobody comes out, dance as if everybody was healed. Don't assume that this anointing didn't work. Tell yourself, "Ah, there are no sick people in our midst anymore. When I go for missions, I will pray again."

Constantly make demand on grace.

I told those people who lead songs here: don't come and sing good songs here. There are thousands of people singing. When you sing, provoke an impartation. When you sing,

activate gifts. When you speak, sing hope that somebody will be healed. That's how you put demand on grace.

There are too many singers on too many altars. What will distinguish you? People don't make any demand on grace.

They are just walking, hoping that things will work. Nothing works like that.

When they tell you this thing is impossible, tell yourself, "Not with me. I have a grace that breaks protocol."

And as you begin to put demand on grace, you will be shocked at what will begin to happen in your life, in the name of Jesus.

Number three: Testify Openly

How do you put grace to work? **Testify openly.**

Some people don't know how to give thanks. They are healed already. You say, "If you are healed, lift your hand." They are in the crowd. "Come out."

Those of you who are healed, they sit down. And the moment they go out, the devil comes back to them and says, "Are you sure? Are you sure?" And they begin to doubt.

If you don't testify of the goodness of God or of the workings of grace in your life, you can't retain it.

Let me show you a scripture quickly as I round up.

In Luke 17:17–19, Jesus spoke to ten lepers and told them to go their way. They were cleansed. And one came back.

And Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?"

The one who came back was made whole.

The nine that went were healed. Do you know what that means?

When you are attacked with leprosy, it eats you up. So when you are healed of leprosy, the wounds dry up and the pain ceases, but your hand may have been eaten up.

But when you are made whole, you are not just healed. The hand grows back.

So the man who carries grace palpably is the man that has mastered how to testify.

If it's headache God healed you of, when you come out to testify, testify as if it's cancer, and you will see the ease with which grace will begin to work in your life.

When God sees that you testify, He will be quick to respond to you.

Too many people can't testify. God does great wonders in their lives. They sit down and say, "We thank God." That's why they don't go anywhere.

You must learn to testify.

Number four: Sustain the Posture of Humility

In 1 Peter 5:5, God resists the proud, but He gives more grace to the humble.

James 4:6 says, "He giveth more grace to the humble."

Number five: Grow in the Knowledge of God

2 Peter 3:18 says, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As you grow in the knowledge of God, you naturally grow in grace. In 1 Peter 1:13, he said, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

The grace that is brought unto you at the revelation. When you grow in the knowledge of Jesus, naturally, grace begins to flow in your life.

Walking in the Abundance of Grace

I speak over everyone under my voice in this hall and online: from today, you walk in the abundance of grace.

Grace will answer to you.

The things you could not do by power and might, begin to do them by grace, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Every tributary of grace that we have examined tonight, your life will prove it.

Grace will bring you to rest.

Grace will enthrone you.

Grace will give you uncommon answers.

Grace will make you a sign and a wonder. Grace will cause you to walk in the Jesus order of life. And every time you put grace to work, grace will not fail, in the name of Jesus.

The Lord keep you.

The Lord cause His face to shine upon you.

The Lord lift up His countenance over you. And the Lord give you peace.

Your going out and your coming in is blessed. Everything you lay your hand to do in righteousness prospers, in the name of the Lord Jesus. From today, your life becomes the theater that manifests the goodness of God.

So let it be written, and so let it be established, in Jesus' precious name.



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