

“GRACE WILL LEAD ME HOME” I Thess. 1:1

1. I grow more like _____ through grace.

Titus 2: ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

2. I _____ God and reach my potential through the power of His grace. I Cor. 15:10 - “by the grace of God I am what I am.”; II Cor. 9:8 “And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.” Eph. 3:7 - “I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power”. I Peter 4:10 - “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

3. We are able to endure _____ because of God’s grace – II Cor. 12:7-10 - Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I asked the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

I Peter 5:10 - And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will **Himself** restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

He is Himself _____ involved in helping us through our trials!

- a. God will _____ – to fit or join together; the idea of adjustment
- b. God will make you _____ It’s the idea to establish, to make stable, to make you solid as granite. (Matt. 7) Building your house on the rock.
- c. God will make you firm – to fill you with _____
- d. God will make you steadfast – lay the foundation, to be _____

“Suffered a little while”: II Cor. 4:16-18 - ⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

This is Grace to _____ – “grace will lead me home”

4. Grace should flavor our relationships I Cor 15:10 – “by the grace of God I am what I am”

Col. 4:5,6 – Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Eph. 4:29 – Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Build them up, NOT puff them up

Heb. 12:15 – see to it that no one falls short of the grace of God – no root of bitterness develop.

5. Grow in grace – and knowledge of God. II PETER 3:18 – Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

How do we grow in grace? II Peter 1:2 – “Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

Knowledge – a _____ knowledge - not “I know WHAT I have believed”, but I know _____ I have believed (II Tim. 1:12)

How do you get to know someone? Spend time with them!!

In closing, in case I missed something, I Peter 5:10 – the God of ALL grace – for WHATEVER you need!!

Heb. 4:16 – “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

John 1:16 – (NASB) - For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

