

**GRACE & TRUTH | HOW GOD CAME HOME | DEC. 10, 2017**

**OVERVIEW**

There's a longing within us to relate to God. There may also be wondering of how He might relate with us. Jesus is eager to 'sit and talk with us.' Keeping creation from unraveling, and redecorating it with grace and love, this is, indeed, how God would relate with us.

**John 1:14,16 ESV**

*14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt [made his home] among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

**"MIND IF I SIT HERE AND TALK WITH YOU?"** - Henry Winkler, *The Fonz*.

- People say, 'never meet your heroes, either they'll disappoint you, or you'll feel like you've disappointed them.'
- There's something special about people who are real, true and are able to relate with. There's a comfort in knowing truth. There's a feeling of acceptance and grace and of invitation.
- Jesus encountered people like Zacchaeus, children, those in sin, and those who needed healing. He extended to them grace, and he showed them truth.

**JESUS, FULL OF GRACE & TRUTH**

- God's LOVE is expressed to us through grace and in truth together, each working 100% of the time.
- Grace and truth were both expressed on the Cross. It was truth that we have sin which had to be paid for, but because of his grace, he took our payment upon himself.
- Jesus celebrates you, and your existence - he doesn't condemn it, nor is cynical toward you. He doesn't pull away but invites you to draw close.

**FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE RECEIVED**

- For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. We are still receiving this grace upon grace.
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- The Holy Spirit has made his home within us. And he's showing us the fullness of God. *John 14*
- *He isn't someone to be intimidated by. He isn't someone who will disappoint you. This is our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace that is wanting to make his home in us daily.*

### **WHAT MIGHT WE DO WITH THIS?**

1. Accept the invitation to sit and talk with Jesus - He's eager to do so.
2. Receive Grace & Truth - it's how God relates with us.
3. Seek the fullness of God through the Holy Spirit - He'll never leave you.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How have you experienced grace and truth recently?
2. Are there times you feel God is unapproachable? Why?
3. How might you best 'relate' (sit and talk) with Jesus?
4. What might it look like for you to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
5. What might your life look like if you continuously extended both grace and truth to the people around you?