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Reflecting Grace to Others

June Series: Live What Was Built

Week Focus: Reflecting Christ Daily

Scripture – Ephesians 4:32 - *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

Devotional Reflection

One of the clearest ways we reflect Christ is through the grace we extend to others. Grace is more than a theological concept; it is the practical expression of God's love in our daily relationships. Every believer has received undeserved mercy from God. Through Christ, we have been forgiven, accepted, and loved despite our shortcomings. Ephesians 4:32 reminds us that the grace we have received is meant to flow through us to others. We are called to forgive as we have been forgiven and to show kindness and compassion as God has shown them to us.

This can be challenging because people do not always treat us the way we would like to be treated. Relationships often involve misunderstandings, disappointments, and offenses. Our natural tendency may be to hold grudges, withdraw, or demand repayment for the hurt we have experienced. Yet grace chooses a different path. Grace does not ignore wrongdoing, but it refuses to allow bitterness to take root. It remembers how much God has forgiven us and extends that same mercy to others.

Reflecting grace does not mean becoming weak or allowing harmful behavior to continue unchecked. Rather, it means responding in a way that reflects the heart of Christ. Jesus consistently showed compassion to people who were struggling, patient love toward those who were growing, and forgiveness toward those who had failed. He understood that grace has the power to heal, restore, and transform. As His followers, we are called to carry that same spirit into our relationships.

Often, the people who need grace the most are the ones who seem least deserving of it. That is what makes grace so powerful. Anyone can be kind to those who are easy to love. Christlike grace appears when we choose patience instead of retaliation, forgiveness instead of resentment, and compassion instead of judgment. These choices reveal that God's work within us is becoming visible through us.

Today, ask God to help you become a channel of His grace. Consider the people you interact with regularly—family members, coworkers, friends, neighbors, and even those who may have disappointed you. How can you reflect God's kindness, compassion, and forgiveness to them? The more we understand the grace we have received, the more willing we become to extend grace to others.

Focus for Today

The grace I have received from Christ should be visible in the way I treat others.

Practice

- Thank God for a specific way He has shown grace to you.
 - Identify one relationship where you need to demonstrate more patience or compassion.
 - Perform an intentional act of kindness for someone today.
 - Pray for someone who has hurt, frustrated, or disappointed you.
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Prayer

Father, thank You for the grace You have shown me through Jesus Christ. Help me reflect that same grace to others. Teach me to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving, even when it is difficult. Guard my heart from bitterness and resentment, and fill me with Your love. Let my relationships become a reflection of the mercy and grace You have extended to me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Who in your life needs to experience God's grace through you today, and what practical step can you take to show it?