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Grace Was Meant To Flow Through You

September Series: We Are The Church

Week Focus: Everybody Has a Part

Scripture – 1 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.”*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

Peter does not stop by telling us that we have received something from God or even that we should use it. He tells us **why** we should use it: **“to serve others.”** That changes the purpose of what God has entrusted to us. Our gifts, abilities, experiences, resources, and opportunities were never intended merely to make us feel important or prove what we can do. God allows His grace to touch our lives, and then He gives us opportunities for that grace to become a blessing to someone else. **God’s grace comes to you, but it is not supposed to stop with you.**

This means the better question is not simply, *“What am I good at?”* The better question is, **“Who can be served by what God has given me?”** If God has given you encouragement, someone around you may need strengthening. If He has developed compassion in you, someone may need to experience genuine care. If He has given you wisdom through difficult experiences, someone may benefit from what He has taught you. If you have resources, time, practical ability, hospitality, or a willingness to listen, those things can become channels through which another person encounters God's grace. **God didn't give it to you just to show what you can do. He gave it to you so somebody else could be blessed through you.**

Peter describes believers as **“faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”** That phrase reminds us that grace will not look exactly the same through everybody. God may work through your life differently than He works through someone else's, and that is good. The Church does not need everybody doing the same thing. It needs believers faithfully allowing Christ to work through the different ways He has equipped and shaped them. When we stop competing and start serving, our differences become strengths rather than reasons for comparison. **Your part does not have to look like someone else's part to matter.**

So look beyond yourself today. Ask God to show you a person who could benefit from something He has already placed within you. Don't begin by searching for something dramatic. It may be a conversation, a prayer, an encouraging message, a practical act, a generous response, or simply giving someone your undivided attention. Serving is not primarily about demonstrating how gifted we are; it is about allowing God's grace to reach someone through our obedience. **What God has placed in your hands can become grace experienced in somebody else's life.**

Focus for Today

What God has entrusted to you is not only for you. His grace can work through you to become a blessing to someone else.

Practice

- Ask God, “**Who can be served by what You have given me?**”
 - Identify one person who could benefit from your encouragement, wisdom, time, resources, or practical help.
 - Take one specific action rather than merely thinking about helping.
 - Serve without needing recognition, repayment, or praise.
 - At the end of the day, thank God for allowing you to become a channel of His grace to someone else.
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Prayer

Lord, thank You for every expression of grace You have poured into my life. Thank You for the abilities, experiences, resources, opportunities, and lessons You have entrusted to me. Help me remember that these things were never meant to terminate with me. You have blessed me so that my life can become a blessing to others.

Open my eyes to the people around me. Show me where encouragement is needed, where compassion can be expressed, where practical help can make a difference, and where something You have placed in me can strengthen someone else. Keep me from becoming so focused on myself that I miss opportunities to serve.

Guard my heart from pride and the desire for recognition. I do not want to serve so people will see how gifted, generous, or spiritual I am. Let my service point beyond me to You. Teach me to be a faithful steward of Your grace in whatever form You have entrusted it to me.

Jesus, You are the greatest demonstration of grace moving toward us. You did not come merely to be served, but to serve and to give Your life for us. **I am not saved by serving; I serve because You have saved me.** Because Your grace reached me, let Your grace now flow through me so that others may experience Your love—**for Your glory alone.**

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Who could experience God's grace more clearly if I faithfully allowed what He has placed in me to become a blessing to them today?