

SEVEN: Do you want what God wants?

Are you angry with God? If we were honest with ourselves, many of us would have to answer that we are. God does not always do things the way we would like. He doesn't put us in easy situations or around easy people. But God has not let us down. God has put us in places where His grace can shine through us. God has put you where you are in order to make invisible grace visible.

READ: Jonah 4:1-4

1) Is there any area of your life where you are disappointed with God? Take some time to examine your heart.

2) Is there anyone in your life that you view as a hassle or an irritation? According to the video, why has God put you in his or her life? Does this change the way you view your relationships with that person?

“God makes his invisible grace visible by sending people of grace to give grace to people who need grace.”

3) We tend to love grace until we have to give it to the people around us. What has God redeemed you from in the past? What is God currently redeeming you from?

“You know that you are in deep spiritual trouble when the sin of others concerns you more than your own.”

4) We share an identity with lost people because we are sinners. How do you respond to people who disagree with you at work? At home? Do you share law and condemnation or grace and forgiveness?

5) Who are the people God has put into your life as witnesses of grace? Be specific. How can you show them that you love them this week?

“If your eyes ever see or your ears ever hear the sin, weakness, or failure of another person, it’s never an accident, it’s never an interruption, it’s never a hassle—it’s always grace.”

STREET LEVEL TRUTH: We are not on the same page as God when we desire to share law and condemnation with the people around us. Christians are to be a people of grace, who seek to share that grace with everyone around them.

PRAYER: Lord, thank you for using an ancient prophet to reveal my heart. God, I confess that I do not always have your heart. I do not love others as you have loved me. Help me to look for those places where I’m disappointed with you. I pray that those moments would create a greater understanding of your grace so that I would rush to you instead of running from you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:19-20

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.