

# DAILY GRACE

## RADICAL GRACE - WEEK 3

John 9:1-7; 24-29 Afterward, as Jesus walked down the street, he noticed a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this guy's blindness, his own, or the sin of his parents?"<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither. It happened to him so that you could watch him experience God's miracle. <sup>4</sup> While I am with you, it is daytime, and we must do the works of God who sent me while the light shines. For there is coming a dark night when no one will be able to work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am with you my life is the light that pierces the world's darkness. <sup>6</sup> Then Jesus spat on the ground and made some clay with his saliva. Then he anointed the blind man's eyes with the clay. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the blind man, "Now go and wash the clay from your eyes in the ritual pool of Siloam". So, he went and washed his face and as he came back, he could see for the first time in his life!

<sup>24</sup> So once again they summoned the man who was healed of blindness and said to him, "Swear to God to tell us the truth! We know the man who healed you is a sinful man! Do you agree?" <sup>25</sup> The healed man replied, "I have no idea what kind of man he is. All I know is that I was blind and now I can see for the first time in my life!"<sup>26</sup> "But what did he do to you?" they asked. "How did he heal you?" <sup>27</sup> The man responded, "I told you once and you didn't listen to me. Why do you make me repeat it? Are you wanting to be his followers too?" <sup>28</sup> This angered the Jewish leaders. They heaped insults on him, "We can tell you are one of his followers—now we know it! We are true followers of Moses, <sup>29</sup> for we know that God spoke to Moses directly. But as for this one, we don't know where he's coming from!"

### THE FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION: MANKIND'S INNATE DESIRE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. The Sources of Self-Reliance

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Power

Psalm 49:5-7 Why should I fear when trouble comes, when enemies surround me? <sup>6</sup> They trust in their wealth and boast of great riches. <sup>7</sup> Yet they cannot redeem themselves from death by paying a ransom to God.

Psalm 52:6-8 The righteous will see it and be amazed. They will laugh and say, <sup>7</sup> "Look what happens to mighty warriors who do not trust in God. They trust their wealth instead and grow more and more bold in their wickedness.

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_ and Prestige

Psalm 118:7-9 Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me. <sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people. <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

##### C. Political / \_\_\_\_\_ Power

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Isaiah 31:1 What sorrow awaits those who look to Egypt for help, trusting their horses, chariots, and charioteers and depending on the strength of human armies instead of looking to the Lord, the Holy One of Israel

##### D. \_\_\_\_\_ Power

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

#### II. The Key to Seeing: Recognize our \_\_\_\_\_ Blindness

John 9:39-41 <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, "I have come to judge those who think they see and make them blind. And for those who are blind, I have come to make them see." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees were standing nearby and overheard these words. They interrupted Jesus and said, "You mean to tell us that we are blind?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus told them, "If you would acknowledge your blindness, then your sin would be removed. But now that you claim to see, your sin remains with you!

#### III. The Key to Receiving All God Has for Us: Like a Child, We Recognize our Daily \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him

Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to ask Jesus, "Who is considered to be the greatest in heaven's kingdom realm?" <sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little one to his side and said to them, <sup>3</sup> "Learn this well: Unless

you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable like a little child<sup>1</sup>, you will never be able to enter in. <sup>4</sup>Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this little child is the greatest one in heaven's kingdom realm.

#### IV. The Key to Appropriating Our Daily Grace:

##### Recognize and Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ Voice

*John 10:1-6 Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Listen to this eternal truth: The person who sneaks over the wall to enter into the sheep pen, rather than coming through the gate, reveals himself as a thief coming to steal. <sup>2</sup>But the true Shepherd walks right up to the gate, <sup>3</sup>and because the gatekeeper knows who he is, he opens the gate to let him in. And the sheep recognize the voice of the true Shepherd, for he calls his own by name and leads them out, for they belong to him. <sup>4</sup>And when he has brought out all his sheep, he walks ahead of them and they will follow him, for they are familiar with his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will run away from strangers and never follow them because they know it's the voice of a stranger." <sup>6</sup>Jesus told the Pharisees this parable even though they didn't understand a word of what he meant.*

*John 10:27-28 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me.*

#### V. The Key to an Abundant Life: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Control and \_\_\_\_\_ All God Has for You

*John 10:9-11 I am the Gateway To enter through me is to experience life, freedom, and satisfaction <sup>10</sup>A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow! <sup>11</sup>I am the Good Shepherd who lays down my life as a sacrifice for the sheep.*

*Romans 5:20-21 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. <sup>21</sup>So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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