**SATURDAY February 11, 2017 2 Corinthians 9:13-14**

*As a result of your ministry, men will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.2 And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.*

Activity: Say thank you to show grace to someone you love today!

Take time to say “thank you.” It doesn’t cost anything, but it can show other people gratitude and grace. Write a simple card expressing your appreciation for a kind act on your behalf. You can make a difference by saying “thank you” and putting a card in someone’s hand.

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**Extended Care Facilities**

* Dot Stone
* Donna McFadden
* Bill Breckel

**Prayers for Military, Law Enforcement, and**

**Fire Department**

* Tyler Fix
* Nick Imperiale
* Mark Kazee
* Kyle Knottnerus
* Mike Morales
* Ryan Mugridge
* Brian Vautin

**Lifting Our Church Family in Prayer**

**Prayers of Healing**

* Alice Lilly
* Rik Dejong
* Alta Peekstock
* Noelle Froelich
* Mike Dixon
* Bill Skinner
* Becky Elliott
* John Hall
* Hazel Gray
* Jim Humphrey
* Jimmy Meeks
* BJ Brodie
* Louise Beemon
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* Don Harder



**Sermon Series:** 4 Words Every Christian Should Know

**Sermon**: Grace

**Date**: Sunday February 5, 2017

**Scripture**: John 1:15-17

*15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**Sermon Notes**

**Daily Study Guide**

**MONDAY February 6, 2017** **Psalm 133**

Here we see the ideal vision of family relationships. Not many of us can relate to the image of oil poured over our heads and running down our beards and collars, but when this was written, this experience was considered the absolute height of joy.

* As you think of your family of origin, do you have memories of times when they “lived together in unity”?
* If this was not the case, please take a moment now to pray for those members of your family who most need God’s healing presence in their lives

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**THURSDAY February 9, 2017 Isaiah 49:6**

This passage in Isaiah reminds us that our ministries (our purpose!) are not for our own sakes, but for the sake of the world. The family of God extends much further than our relatives, friends, and church. The family of God is a global movement advancing the good news of Jesus Christ. In Christ’s economy rich or poor; red yellow black or white; we are all precious in His sight.

* Do you remember meeting or hearing someone who did ministry in a different context or country (missionary?) What do you remember about it?
* Have you ever wanted to serve God in a foreign country? Short term or long term? Would you consider it?

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**FRIDAY February 10, 2017**  **Romans 3:21-24**

These verses constitute the core of Paul’s theology of grace that he returns to again and again. I often find it helpful to substitute the word “rightness” for “righteousness” to aid my understanding of Paul’s central point.

* When he says, for example, that “God’s righteousness (or rightness) has been disclosed and is attested by the law and the prophets,” what is he really saying? For you, is Paul’s statement that, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” a cause for hope or despair?
* Since Jesus’ death and resurrection has redeemed ALL people, why do we continue to make them jump through hoops before we accept or respect them? Pray today about how you will allow this fundamental understanding of God’s grace to shape your interactions with other people.

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**WEDNESDAY February 8, 2017 2 Corinthians 5:16-19**

Paul tells his readers (and us too!) in this passage that they have been given “the ministry of reconciliation” by God. For the most part, Paul means to say that followers of Jesus are to be about the ministry of reconciliation between humanity and God. We can also read this passage as a call to engage in acts of reconciliation between people.

* Stop for a moment and think about the ways you have been a “reconciler” this week. In what very particular way is God calling you to act out this ministry this week?
* Are there people in your family who need to be reconciled? People in your workplace? You yourself?

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**TUESDAY February 7, 2017** **Genesis 50:15-21**

This passage tells the story of the forgiveness extended by Joseph to his brothers. You might remember that these were the brothers who originally threw Joseph in a pit, hoping he would starve to death in the middle of the desert. Joseph was rescued by a traveling band of merchants and found his way eventually into the favor of the Pharaoh of Egypt. Pay particular attention to verse 20.

* Take a moment and remember a time in your life when something that was intended for evil actually turned out to be a blessing.
* Were you able to recognize God’s hand in the process and thank God at that time?

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