



N – NAVIGATE Your Next Steps By Heading Towards God’s Grace

(Matthew 8:23-27)

Sunday, April 7, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am



- A Acknowledge Christ’s power to make a way through the maze.
- M Maintain a firm grip on the Word of God.
- A Accept the support of others along the way.
- Z Zoom in on the good stuff in your life.
- I Ignore the stuff that is cluttering up your life.
- N Navigate your next step by heading towards God’s grace.
- G Grab hold of the One who understands the struggle you are going through.
- ! Place your hope in the God of surprising outcomes!

“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.” - John 1:16

5 Kinds of GRACE

- 1) _____ Grace (Mathew 5:44-45)
- 2) _____ Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 15:11)
- 3) _____ Grace (1 Corinthians 15:10)
- 4) _____ Grace (1 Peter 4:10)
- 5) _____ Grace (2 Corinthians 12:9)

“Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.” - Hebrews 4:16 (Philippians 1:6)

Sustaining Grace is the God-given power to keep going when you feel like giving up or giving in.

- It is not a sin to be tempted.
- When you are tempted you don’t have to sin.

“... So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” – Galatians 6:7-9

● Do You Ever Get Tired Of Doing What’s Right?

“It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

Q. What do you do when you don’t know what to do?

A. Throw yourself on the sustaining Grace of God! (James 4:6-8)

Matthew 8:23-27

- ⊙ Response #1 = _____! (vs. 25)
- ⊙ Response #2 = _____ (vs. 24)

When confronted with a messy maze get your eyes on Jesus!

- 1) Look for His GRACE
- 2) Receive His GRACE
- 3) Trust His GRACE

The Sustaining Grace Of Jesus Is All That You Need! And He WILL Provide It When You Need It.



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1: Share about a time when you received Grace (*other than from Jesus*).
- Q2: Why do you think we try to fix our maze before we ever bring it to Jesus through prayer and rely on His SUSTAINING Grace
- Q3: Read *1 Corinthians 10:13*. What steps have you learned to take to overcome temptation to sin?
- Q4: *James 4:6-8* says that “God gives grace to the humble.” In what ways have you seen this in your life? What areas of your life do you need to be more humble?
- Q5: Read *Matthew 8:23-27*. Which of the 2 responses do naturally go to first? In what ways can God change you to respond peacefully every time?
- Q6: Look, Receive, Trust His Grace. Have you ever experienced a time when if felt like God didn’t care? Explain. How did you trust Him through it?
- Q7: Read *1 Peter 5:6-7*. What anxiety do you need to cast on Him?
- Q8: Is there a life lesson God wants to teach you in the midst of your maze?