

GREAT GRACE

Acts 4:33 – NKJV - ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And **great grace** was upon them all.

I believe that **God wants to** put on you, your life, and your family...

- AND ON **YOUR FAILURE** today...
- **GREAT GRACE!!!!**

Mistakes are the price we pay for a full life, if we learn from those mistakes!

- The issue is **NOT** if your going to **get knocked down**.
- The issue is ***Are you going to stay down?***
- Timex said – ***You have to take a licking and keep on ticking!***

The word is called **resilience** in the dictionary –

- The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; (toughness)
- The ability to spring back into shape; (elasticity)
- **RESILIENCE** is what matters most!!!

Mistakes are the catalyst to the miraculous...

- IF you will **put them in God's hands!**
- Don't let **mistakes destroy you**
- Heaven wants **to make you**
- Hell wants **to maim you**
- And **both** want to **use your mistakes** to do it!!!

The adversary wants to mock and maim you for the rest of your life

- For **the mistakes** you have made, and **we have made them!!!**
- God can **transform you** through your **mistakes**
- To be **what He wants** you to be!
- **Mistakes** **should not maim** us the rest of our lives.

Mistakes can become prison houses that **hold you hostage**.

- The enemy would love for all of us **who have made mistakes**
- To be **held hostage in a prison...**
- ***Mentally, emotionally, spiritually*** - By the Mistakes that we have made!

Mistakes can become informative, revelatory...

Adam's Mistake brought a revelation about God

- ***Adam would have never known without his mistake.***
- If he looked at **the only BEING** that **had made a mistake** in the universe before Adam showed up....
- **IT was Lucifer and God never** give him another chance.
- **When Adam and Eve failed –**
- God said I'm going to show you a side of me ***that you wouldn't have seen without your mistake...***
- I'm a ***God of Mercy*** 😊

Great Grace only comes after Great Mistake!

- The greater the mistake -
- The greater God's grace comes to everyone of us.
- ***I didn't come with any bad news today.***
- All I came with today is ***GREAT GRACE....***

Point #1

YOU MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, BUT YOU ARE NOT ONE.

Let that sink down into your soul when the enemy is beating your brains out!

- **Telling you are trash, stupid, nothing, how could you be so dumb, how could you mess your life up so bad...**
- **You may have made a mistake, but ***YOU ARE NOT ONE!!!*****
- **You may have failed but your ***NOT A FAILURE*****

You DON'T have to be a prisoner to your mistake...

- You may be down, but ***DOWN IS NOT YOUR DESTINY...***
- ***God has grace for your mistakes!!!***

God still has a great plan and purpose for your life.

- He still has ***GREAT GRACE FOR GREAT MISTAKES!!!!***
- Give Him some ***GREAT PRAISE!!! FOR GREAT GRACE*** 😊

You will experience a RESURRECTION, You will COME OUT OF THIS.

Mistakes can become a doorway to discover possibilities you would not have found without your mistake!

- **A portal of possibilities** you would have never discovered **had you not gone through the mistake**.
- I'm **NOT advocating** go out and make mistakes so you can learn more about God's Grace.
- I'm just telling you **what the devil means to destroy you with, imprisoned you with, defeat you with, and humiliate you with.....**
- God says, **I Can PUT GREAT GRACE on your GREAT MISTAKE!!!**
- THEN they become **a doorway of possibilities to discover -**
- **That your failure, your Mistakes are NOT final!!!**

That is why Nahum said: Micah 7:8 – NKJV - **Do not rejoice over me**, my enemy; When I fall, **I will arise**; When I sit in darkness, **The LORD will be a light to me**.

- **You will see me mess up**
- **Don't** you start throwing a party
- **Don't** start rejoicing over me oh my enemies...
- For **when I FALL, I WILL RISE AGAIN**
- Even I sit in darkness, **It Is NOT FOREVER**
- **HIS LIGHT** WILL find me again 😊
- **DO NOT let Failure become final** in your life.
- Hidden in **every mistake** is a **doorway of possibility to discover**
- He **doesn't** want **our Mistake to be a prison**
- **But a pathway** to a **greater revelation of His GRACE**

Point #2

GOD WILL NEVER DEFINE YOU BY YOUR WORST MISTAKE.

- **People will, your critics will, your enemies will define you** for the rest of your life, **by your mistakes!**
- YOUR GOD will **Never define you** by **the worst mistake you've made**.
- God says **"I blot out your transgressions"**
- **Remember them NO MORE**
- I'll **never define you** by your **worst mistake**
- **NEVER** will God **EVER DO THAT!!!!**

Elder Brother Spirits will!

- The only one to **bring up the past** of the prodigal son
- **Was the Older Brother.**
- **The Father** never said a word about it...
- **He just threw a coat on him, covered him up, brought him home**
- **Threw a party, got the musicians out, danced...**
- **The older Brother** was just sitting over their **wanting to discuss the Past...**
- **God will never define you by your worst mistake...**

DON'T JOIN THE DEVIL'S SIDE

- He is **the accuser** of the Brothern
- **Don't define people** by when they fail or **by their mistake**
- **Stop defining people** by their mistakes
- **God will never define you** by your worse moment
- **Mistakes and failures** do have consequences no doubt about it
- But **they are not** suppose too **define your future**

Heaven wants to make you, Hell wants to Maim you!

God, in order to conform us into his image, let's us fail so we can come to the end of ourselves and our self-righteousness.

- **The devil desires** to crush you for ***your mistakes***.
- Make you feel unworthy and worthless
- When in reality **you are a precious child of God**.

Right now God knows everything about you, every mistake you've made and if you have repented of that mistake God says, You're a precious child of God

- **Satan wants** you to feel totally worthless.
- **Hell** wants to chain you.
- **Heaven** wants to conform you.

DO YOU FEEL CHAINED TO A PAST MISTAKE – YOU SHOULDN'T!!!!

Mistakes make you feel stupid –

- You often think how could of **I did, thought, or given in to that**.
- What an **idiot**, then you begin **to beat yourself up!**

Abraham made a terrible mistake, lied about his wife

- Made another mistake when he slept with a woman that wasn't his wife
- ***That's terrible...***
- But, ***God never brought it up***, not one time.
- ***Even though he made mistakes***, God said ***go on, move on...***
- I'm still going to make you **The Father of Faith**
- I know you messed up, but, ***I'm not defining you by your mistake.***
- **You made a mistake, but you are NOT a Mistake.**
- AND I'm going to ***use you for my glory!!!!***

Point #3

GOD USES MISTAKES TO TAKE US BEYOND

- How is it that we can make one mistake and ***people will define you by that one mistake.***
- Even ***over all the good*** we have done for the Lord!
- ***God will never bring up your failure...***
- He wants you to ***move beyond your mistakes.***
- And into ***HIS GREAT GRACE!!!***

The people we almost make deity's out of in the bible.

Jacob – Lied and deceived –

David – committed adultery, killed people, he did horrible things...

The Point – God uses people who make mistakes

God said to Jacob, You're a scam artist, you're a liar, you're a deceiver, you've done about all the bad things you can do.

You're a liar, a luster, you're a looser....

- But, ***I'm going to make you a Prince***, I will ***re-name you***
- You ***no longer will be Jacob***, you will ***become Israel***
- Which means ***a Prince with God***
- ***I'm going to give you power with God*** and ***favor with men...***

I love the fact that Peter messed up

- He lied, cussed, and denied ***Jesus three times.***
- When ***Jesus showed up in his Resurrected body*** and cooked him a meal...

- Jesus didn't look at him and say give me the keys back...
- He said, I give you Peter the keys to the Kingdom!
- Just because you messed up and made a mistake.....
- Jesus has never said for you to give the keys back!!!

Jesus is saying to us today

- I haven't changed my mind about you, your purpose and your destiny!
- He's telling us, I knew you would mess up
- But, I Put GREAT GRACE ON GREAT MISTAKES
- If you just look to me, I NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU
- YOUR MISTAKES ARE NOT FINAL!!!!

Point #4

DON'T LET YOUR MISTAKES HOLD YOU HOSTAGE!!!

- You **will not** be able to even praise the Lord!
- **Condemnation** does not come from God.
- God will **use you anyways!**

I've made so many mistakes Pastoring this church....

- God has never come to me and said **give me the keys back!!!**
- People may want to...
- God said, NO I've gave you what I've gave you.
- I like you, love you, I'm for you!!!
- He's saying the same thing about you 😊

Psalm 38:16 – NKJV - ¹⁶ For I said, “Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me.”

He didn't say if – He says **WHEN** My Foot Slips!

- Your going to slip and say or do something you shouldn't.
- You are going to make a mistake.

I love how his enemies wait to pounce on him, but he goes on to say.

Psalm 38:18 - NKJV - ¹⁸ For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

Declare means – open your mouth and tell God, **I MADE A MISTAKE.**

You move from admission to remission

- If **cancer** is in remission – *It means it is losing its power.*
- When you come with **admission** – ***I MADE A MISTAKE***
- Then suddenly **that Mistake goes into REMISSION**
- You go from **Declaration to Restoration**
- You go from **declaring I'm guilty** and **God pronounces your innocent**
- **MY BLOOD HAS COVERED YOU!!!**

Wish I would have handled it differently!

- The devil wants to magnify your mistake
- God wants to Magnify Himself in the **midst of your mistake!!!**
- I will not let my mistakes define me...

I am a child of God

- Called, anointed, and ***I'm going to do what he has called me to do***
- With **more determination** and **boldness** than ever before!!!
- Yes - I've messed up
- Yes - I've made Mistakes
- BUT, **My mistakes DON'T DEFINE ME**
- **MY HEAVENLY FATHER DEFINES ME**
- **AND HE SAYS, I'M CALLED, I AM CHOSEN, I AM ROYALTY, I AM CLEANSED, I AM WASHED, AND REDEEMED.....**
- **How ABOUT YOU???????**
- **GIVE GOD A PRAISE** IF YOU BELIEVE ***IN GREAT GRACE*** 😊
- **THE GREATER THE MISTAKE THE GREATER THE GRACE!!!!!!**

CLOSE:

God is greater than your mistakes, your failures, your wrong choices.....

The Bible says we need both **Grace and Mercy**

- There is a difference in **Grace and Mercy**

GRACE GIVES ME WHAT I DON'T DESERVE

I DON'T DESERVE:

- Forgiveness, acceptance, a clean slate, a new beginning.
- **Grace is God giving me what I don't deserve!**
- **Total forgiveness...**
- **There is a difference in grace – giving me what I don't deserve **& Mercy****

MERCY HOLDS BACK WHAT I DO DESERVE

- What's powerful is **when you have Grace and Mercy working for you!**
- **Grace giving you what you don't deserve...**
- **AND Mercy holding back what you do deserve**
- **Judgement you do deserve – God stands like he held the Red Sea**
- **Pass on through – Goodness and mercy are following you!**
- **Goodness you hold that side of judgement –**
- **Mercy you hold that side back**
- **I'll hold back what you do deserve**
- **And give you what you don't deserve!**

It's hard to misdirect a parked car -

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT FAIL ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRY TO DO MUCH.

If your trying to be great at anything your going to fail, Because it is hard to misdirect a parked car!

- So these people who sit back and **judge everybody by their mistakes**
- Usually **aren't** doing very much themselves
- It's **better to fail trying** than **not trying** at all.

Psalm 145:8 NKJV - ⁸The LORD is **gracious** and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

- **Listen to me if you have messed up or made a mistake.**
- **Made the wrong choice,** done something **that was foolish...**
- **THE LORD IS GRACIOUS – FULL OF COMPASSION.**
- **SLOW TO ANGER – GREAT IN MERCY**

Psalm 145:14 – NKJV - ¹⁴The **LORD** upholds all who fall, And raises up all *who are bowed down.*

You may make a mistake – BUT YOU ARE NOT A MISTAKE

Your Mistakes are NOT greater than God's GRACE ☺

God's got more grace than your disgrace – And God will NOT define you by your worst mistake

You have two thieves trying to steal your today—

- The thief of yesterday
- The thief of tomorrow
- There is joy in the now!

Don't let yesterday rob you of your joy.

- Someday is not for you to worry about.
- You are blessed right now in THIS moment!

Don't worry about tomorrow and don't live in regret for yesterday.

- He will meet your needs for tomorrow.

God has more grace than your disgrace.

- It's not whether you get knocked down, it's if you will get back up.
- Resilience is what matters most.
- Do not allow your mistakes to destroy you.
- God wants to transform you through your mistakes.