

IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

Discipleship Lessons From The Life Of The Apostles

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LESSON 1:

How do you deal with your Humanity?



Regret • Shame • Guilt • Fear





GOD'S GRACE

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1 CORINTHIANS 15

⁹ I am the least of the apostles
and do not even deserve to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.



ACTS 7

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and,
yelling at the top of their voices,
they all rushed at him,

⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city
and began to stone him.

Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats
at the feet of a young man named Saul.

ACTS 7

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed,
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out,
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

When he had said this, he died.

^{8:1} And Saul approved of their killing him.

ACTS 8

² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.

³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.



ACTS 9

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest
² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

ACTS 9

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered,
"I have heard many reports about this man
and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem.
¹⁴ And he has come here
with authority from the chief priests
to arrest all who call on your name."

ACTS 9

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias,
“Go! This man is my chosen instrument
to proclaim my name to the Gentiles
and their kings and to the people of Israel.

¹⁶ I will show him how much
he must suffer for my name.”



ACTS 9

²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"



ACTS 9

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem,
he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he really was a disciple.



1 CORINTHIANS 15

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles
and do not even deserve to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.



1 CORINTHIANS 15

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace to me was not without effect.
No, I worked harder than all of them —yet not I,
but the grace of God that was with me.



2 CORINTHIANS 5 (NLT)

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.

At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

GRACE REFRAMES
MY STORY



"My past does not define me,
because I am a **new creation**."





1 TIMOTHY 1

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying
that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners
—of whom I am the worst.



1 TIMOTHY 1

¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy
so that in me, the worst of sinners,
Christ Jesus might display his immense patience
as an example for those who would believe in him
and receive eternal life.



ROMANS 7 (NLT)

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life
—that when I want to do what is right,
I inevitably do what is wrong.

²² I love God's law with all my heart.

²³ But there is another power within me
that is at war with my mind.

This power makes me a slave to the sin
that is still within me.

ROMANS 6 (NLT)

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

² Of course not!

Since we have died to sin,
how can we continue to live in it?



GALATIANS 6 (NLT)

⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God.

You will always harvest what you plant.

⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature.

But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

⁹ 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 12 (NLT)

⁷... To keep me from becoming proud,
I was given a thorn in my flesh,
a messenger from Satan to torment me
and keep me from becoming proud.

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need.
My power works best in weakness."

2 CORINTHIANS 12 (NLT)

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ can work through me.

¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses,
and in the insults, hardships, persecutions,
and troubles that I suffer for Christ.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.



GRACE **EMPOWERS** TRANSFORMATION



"My transformation begins
and ends with God's embrace."





PHILIPPIANS 1 (NLT)

⁶ And I am certain that God,
who began the good work within you,
will continue his work until it is finally finished
on the day when Christ Jesus returns.



PHILIPPIANS 3 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.



PHILIPPIANS 3 (NLT)

¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters,
I have not achieved it,
but I focus on this one thing:

Forgetting the past
and looking forward to what lies ahead,
¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race
and receive the heavenly prize for which God,
through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

GRACE RESTORES
THE BROKEN



"I am work in progress
until my last breath."



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PERSONAL QUESTION

Are you resting in
God's Grace?



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