

GRACE VS. LEGALISM

Galatians 5:1

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Disciples who follow Jesus...

- Know they are saved by grace, not by their own effort. *Eph. 2:8, John 3:16, Romans 5:2*
- Trust God's love for them, and boldly follow the Lord out of love for Him. *2 Timothy 1:7, John 16:33, 1 John 4:18*
- Faithfully share the grace God has given them with others. *2 Timothy 2:2, Matthew 28:18-20*
- Know the Lord and relate to Him personally every day. *John 17:3*

Therefore, your commitments are:

- Video: "[Motivation Seminar](#)" by Brenda Lewis
- Read through the "Motivation" handout and write out at least 3 questions or observations that you have - Note: This handout goes along with the video.
- Pray through Truth/Lie grid and write on a 3x5 card one of the truths (with one of the corresponding verses) God speaks to you about. On the other side of the card, write down the lie. Carry it around with you this week to remind you of God's truth in this area.
- Memorize one of the following with the topic "Grace":
 - 2 Peter 1:3-4
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Romans 11:5-6
- Pray daily to understand the deep love of God (Eph 3:17-19), and pray to love Him back.
- Work on the Section #1 section of the Bridge.
- Think about the following phrase: "...I think many Christians today come to Christ on the basis of faith but then try to be perfected by their own effort...." What do you think this means? Is this something that you do?
- In your daily Quiet Times, ask God to reveal His grace to you, and write down what He shows you.
- Attend CV, take notes, and record your key thought
- Meet with your Frameworks leader or a member of your group and share your Key Thought from the Action Plan page.
- Additional Optional Resources: (see [Appendix](#))

BEFORE MOVING ON:

How is God's character exemplified when I am motivated to obedience by His love and grace?

Motivation Seminar

What is your motivation for participating in a Discipleship Group? This seminar will hopefully help check your motives and set them on the right course.

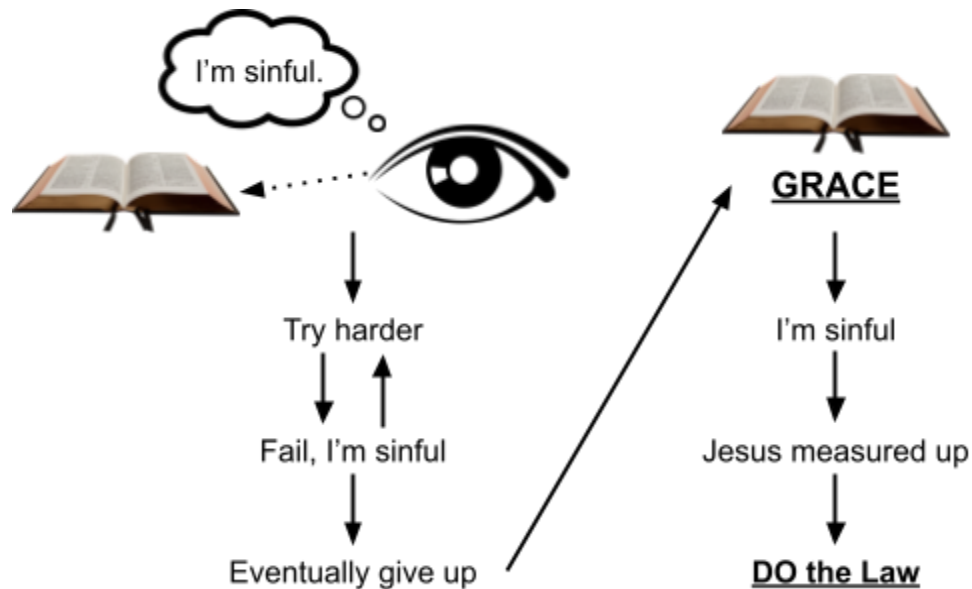
The end purpose of Discipleship Training is to know Christ, not to “do things” such as Devotions, Scripture Memory, etc.... You don’t have to do any of these things to gain Christ’s approval.

By grace, through faith in Christ, you *already* possess some amazing things from God. It can be viewed as if your Salvation is a large gift from God containing many more gifts inside. This is not a comprehensive list:



What does the Law tell us? (See Galatians 3)

- We begin by reading the Bible, and realize we are sinful, we don't measure up, etc...
- So we try harder to do the law, fail, realize we are sinful, try harder, fail, etc... until we eventually give up.
- Then we read the Bible again and understand the Word and Grace.
- What does Grace tell us?
- We read the Bible, and realize we are sinful, we don't measure up, etc...
- Then we realize that Jesus measured up, so we are able to "do" the law (it releases us to do the law, we want to do it). It releases the ability and desire that God has already given you.



Law vs. Grace

Law - God Curses

Performance, "false obedience"

Maximizes Me
Minimizes Jesus

DO

Earning

Fear motivation

Get/not get
+ -

I can do it. **Wrong motive**

Same stuff
Different motives

Grace - God Blesses

Trust, true obedience

Believe I already have _____
by grace through faith in Christ.

Accepting

Love motivation

I could never do it (Only Jesus).
Right motive

DO

Maximizes Jesus
Minimizes Me
John 3:30

Grace Perspective

2 Peter 1:3-4

Because of God's Nature - Divine Power



He has given us

His Precious Promises



If we know/believe/accept/receive

Everything we need for life and godliness

2 Corinthians 7:1

Because of these promises, make every effort to:

1. Purify
2. Perfect holiness

DO

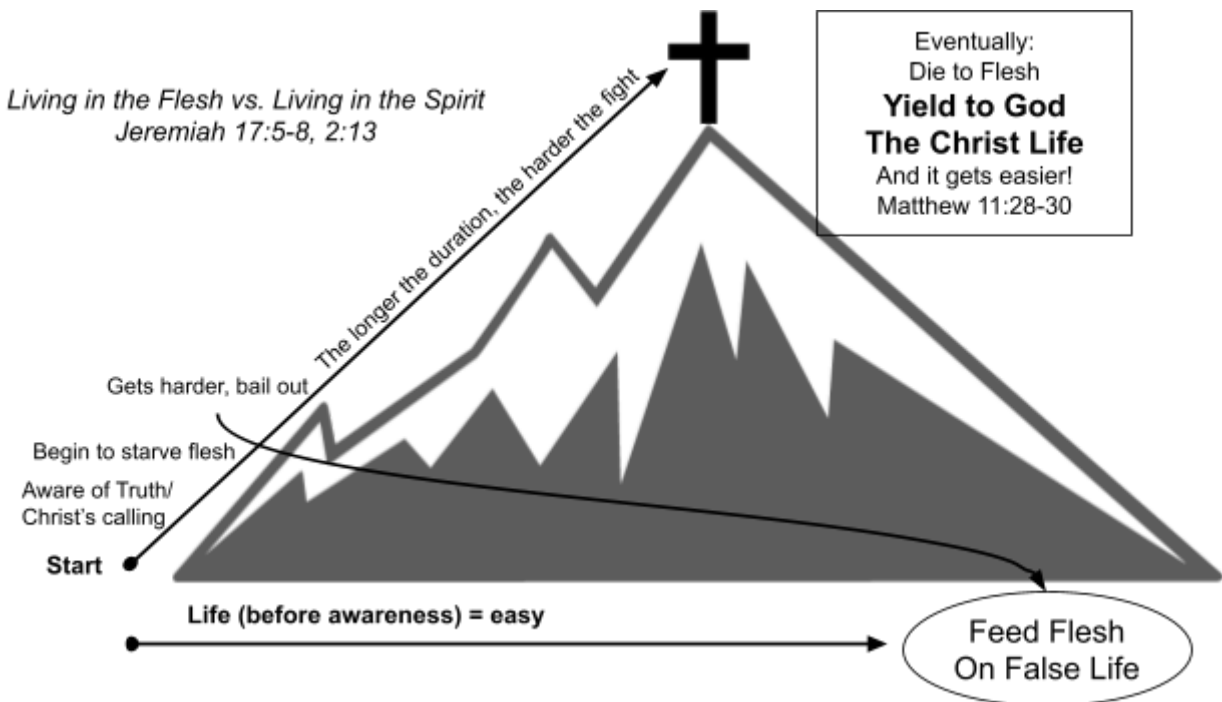
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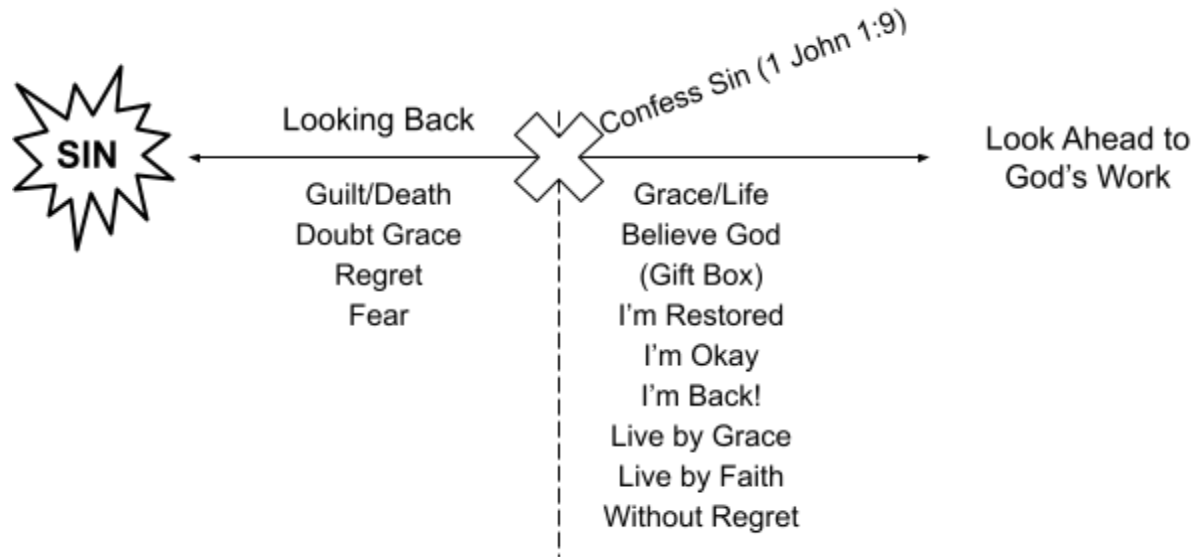
Start with God & His promises, then we are able to DO.

Motivation: love (out of reverence for God)



Reducing Time Spent in Guilt/Law

Renewing the Mind - Romans 12:1-2



John 16:8

The Holy Spirit convicts of two things:

1. Sin (not condemnation)
2. Righteousness

Truth/Lie Grid

What I feel or think about myself	What is true about me according to Scripture	Scripture References
1. I am unworthy/unacceptable.	1. I am accepted/worthy.	1. Rom 15:7; Ps. 139; Eph. 1:4
2. I am alone.	2. I am never alone.	2. Heb. 13:5b; Rom 8:38-39; Ps. 139, 149
3. I feel like a failure/inadequate.	3. I am adequate.	3. 2 Cor. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:13
4. I have no confidence.	4. I have all the boldness/confidence I need.	4. Prov 3:26, 14:26, 28:1; Heb. 10:19; Eph. 3:12
5. I feel responsible for my life.	5. God is responsible/faithful to me.	5. Phil. 1:6, 2:13; 2 Thess. 3:3; Ps. 138:8
6. I am confused/ I'm going crazy.	6. I have the mind of Christ.	6. 1 Cor. 2:16; 2 Tim. 1:7
7. I am depressed/hopeless.	7. I have all the hope I need.	7. Rom. 15:13; Ps. 16:11, 27:13, 31:24
8. I am not good enough/ imperfect.	8. I am perfect in Christ.	8. Heb. 10:14; Col. 2:13
9. There is nothing special about me.	9. I have been chosen/set apart by God.	9. Ps 139, 1 Cor 1:30,6:11; Eph. 1:4; Heb 10:10, 14
10. I don't have enough.	10. I have no lack.	10. Phil. 4:19
11. I am a fearful/anxious person.	11. I am free from fear.	11. Ps. 34:4; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:7, 1 Jn. 4:18
12. I lack faith.	12. I have all the faith I need.	12. Rom. 12:3
13. I am a weak person	13. I am strong in Christ.	13. Dan. 11:32; Ps. 37:34; Phil. 4:13
14. I am defeated.	14. I am victorious.	14. Rom. 8:37; 2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Jn. 5:4
15. I am not very smart.	15. I have God's wisdom.	15. Prov. 2:6-7; 1 Cor 1:30
16. I am in bondage.	16. I am free in Christ.	16. Ps. 32:7; 2 Cor. 3:17; Jn. 8:36
17. I am miserable.	17. I have God's comfort.	17. Jn. 15:6, 16:7; 2 Cor. 1:3-4
18. I have no one to take care of me.	18. I am protected/safe.	18. Ps. 32:7
19. I am unloved.	19. I am very loved.	19. Jn. 15:9; Rom. 8:38-39; Eph. 2:4, 5:1; 1 Jn. 14:10-11
20. I am unwanted/I don't belong to anyone.	20. I have been adopted by God. I am His child.	20. Rom 8:16-17; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5; 1 Jn. 3:2
21. I feel guilty.	21. I am totally forgiven/redeemed.	21. Ps. 103:12; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14, 20; Heb. 10:7
22. I am a sinner.	22. I have been declared holy, righteous, and justified. I am a saint.	22. Rom 3:24; 1 Cor. 1:30, 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:21; Col. 2:14
23. I have no strength.	23. I have God's power. I am indwelt with the Holy Spirit.	23. Acts 1:8; Eph. 1:19, 3:16; Rom. 8:9-11
24. I can't reach God.	24. I have direct access to God as a believer-priest.	24. Eph. 2:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9
25. I feel condemned.	25. I am uncondemned/blameless.	25. Jn. 3:18; Rom. 8:1
26. There is no direction/plan.	26. I have been created for good works. God knows my way.	26. Ps. 37:23, 138:8; Jn. 10:10; Eph. 2:10
27. I feel like nothing will ever change.	27. I've been given a brand new life.	27. 2 Cor. 5:7
28. I am afraid of Satan.	28. I have authority over Satan.	28. Col. 1:13; 1 Jn. 4:4; Rev. 12:11
29. Sin overpowers me.	29. I am dead to sin.	29. Rom. 6:11
30. I live under standards of performance.	30. I am dead to the law.	30. Rom. 6:14, 7:4-6
31. I have no spiritual inheritance.	31. a. I am an heir. b. I have died with Christ/crucified with him/buried with Him. c. I have been raised with Him.	31. a. Rom. 8:16-17; Eph. 1:11, 14, 18; Gal. 4:7 b. Rom. 6:4-8; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:12, 3:3 c. Rom. 6:4; Eph. 1:20, 2:6; Col. 3:1
32. I am afraid of death.	32. I have been made alive with Christ. I will be in heaven.	32. Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:15; 2 Cor. 5:8
33. I feel lost/apart from God.	33. I am assured of heaven.	33. 1 Jn. 5:11-15; Jn. 10:27-30; 2 Cor. 5:8
34. I have no abilities God could use.	34. I have been given spiritual gifts for His service.	34. 1 Cor. 12