



BREAKING THE ICE

If you could be good at any sport which sport would you choose and why?

Do you tend to be a rule follower or bend the rules?

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This week Pastor Kevin started a new series called “Do Over”. We are halfway through the year and wonder if we can call a do over for 2020.

One thing we can learn from Jesus is he constantly gave people a do-over. Anyone who came to Jesus, no matter what they had done in their lives was forgiven. He gave them the mercy, grace and love they needed and deserved.

1. How do you define grace?

2. Is there someone in your life that is filled with grace, always giving grace even when it may not be deserved? Explain how that grace-filled person makes you feel.

Jesus is the ultimate giver of grace. This week Pastor Kevin talked about 3 instances in the Bible where Jesus gave grace.

The first instance was in Mark 2. Some friends brought a lame man to meet Jesus to be healed. But before Jesus healed the man, He forgave Him. The man was both healed spiritually and physically that day.

In this week’s message we learned three things about grace. The first is **No matter what we think we need from God, we need grace more.** The lame man wanted to be healed but he needed God’s eternal grace and forgiveness more than a temporary, physical healing.

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3. Do you put God's grace and forgiveness above other things you need in your life right now? Why or why not?

God's grace and forgiveness is a do-over in our lives. It allows us to experience new life with Him, eternal life. And eternal life is more than any temporary fix we need.

The second instance of grace comes from John 8. There was a woman caught in adultery and the religious leaders were trying to trap Jesus. They didn't like that Jesus gave grace to those who did not uphold the religious laws of the time. Jesus forgave the woman of her actions and told her to turn away from her sin. The second thing we learned about grace from this instance is, **Grace calls us to change and gives us the power to change.**

4. Where has your experience with grace led to positive changes in your life?

The last instance of grace comes from Luke 7. While Jesus was eating dinner at Simon, the Pharisee's, home a female prostitute snuck in to be close to Jesus. She showed her love for Jesus and her need to be near Him as she served Him by washing His feet with her tears. Simon was angry that Jesus would be so kind to a woman who had been living a life so contrary to his own.

Read Luke 7:40-50

What we can learn from this instance is **we can't be full of pride and full of grace at the same time.** Because Simon did not battle with the same types of sin as the woman did, he was being judgmental and prideful towards her.

5. Have you ever been judgmental towards others who struggle with things that you don't? How have you worked through that and given grace to those people?

When we come to God broken and humble, putting our pride aside, His grace is sufficient to forgive us and help us move forward in our lives with Him.

6. Where do you need to humble yourself and experience God's grace in your life?

If we are constantly looking down at others we are missing the face of God. We are all broken and in need of a do-over and the only way we can get that is through Jesus.

7. In what areas of your life do you need to give people more grace?

PRAYER

God we are in need of your grace every day. Your grace allows us to draw near to you. We want to experience your grace so we can continue to change and be more like you. Reveal the areas of our life that are filled with pride keeping us from experiencing the grace you have for us and the grace we need to share with others. Show us where we need to have an eternal mindset where we can share with others their need for grace from a perfect God. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Take some time this week to think about grace. Thank God for the grace He has given you and ask Him where you need to give grace to others. Ask God to reveal where pride has kept you from humbly receiving His grace. Pray and ask Him to change your heart.