

DEMONSTRATING GOD'S GRACE IN LIFE

Hebrews 13:1-6

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)

When we worship God with reverence and awe (12:28) it's easy to think of a great praise service on a Sunday morning. Monday through Saturday worship in which we demonstrate God's grace in our lives is perhaps more important because it communicates that grace to others.

Demonstrating God's grace in love (Romans 12:9-16)

We keep on loving because we're family.

Living in harmony is not the same as living in unison.

Demonstrating God's grace in acceptance (Genesis 18:1-19:3)

Hospitality is not an art it's an attitude.

True welcome does not depend on the uniformity of the guests, it depends on the grace of the host.

Demonstrating God grace in compassion (Hebrews 10:33-34)

Grace is seen most in just showing up for those who are under judgment, under siege, and who are forgotten.

Demonstrating grace in marriage love and marriage (Ephesians 5)

"Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and him make her sorry to see him leave."
Martin Luther

Demonstrating grace in generosity (Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:10)

Anyone who thinks money will make you happy hasn't got money.

With sermon-based small groups either already on hiatus or with final meetings this week, take some time to celebrate your growth together and in the Lord through your small group experience. Here's some food for thought on how you have grown in love over the past quarter or year.

How can you demonstrate God's grace?

Here are aspects of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Select three of these aspects that you would like to consciously demonstrate in a stronger way in your life. For each of the aspects you select, write the name of the person you want to show this love to, write how you intend to do it. Pray through the full list, and ask God to reveal to you the ways he wants you to demonstrate God's love.

Aspect of Love

- Love is patient.
- Love is kind; it looks for a way of being constructive.
- Love does not envy; it is not jealous; it is not possessive.
- Love does not boast; it does not brag; it is not anxious to impress.
- Love is not proud; it is not arrogant.
- Love is not rude; it does not act unbecomingly; it has good manners.
- Love is not self-seeking, it does not insist on its own way
- Love is not easily angered; not irritable; not provoked; not touchy.
- Love keeps no record of wrongs; it is not resentful.
- Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.
- Love always protects, it bears all things.
- Love always trusts; it believes all things.

- Love always hopes.
- Love always perseveres; it endures all things.

Quality #1 _____

Person:

Action:

Quality #2 _____

Person:

Action:

Quality #3 _____

Person:

Action: