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# **Yet Not I!**

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As the sunset years of this age overtake the church of Jesus Christ, and we see the dawn of eternity just over the horizon, it becomes increasingly clear that something is missing; something tragically vital is missing in the body of Christ. Compared to the church of the first century, we are a people devoid of power, lacking in intensity, unmoved by the urgency of the hour and the tragedy of the lost condition of those around us. We have succumbed to a large degree to the apostasy that accompanies affluence and success.

Huge mega-churches are sprouting up like wildflowers in the metropolitan areas of America, offering services of every kind, promoting ministries of every type, and appealing to people of every background. Budgets that would have caused governments to cringe a generation ago now are commonplace as religion becomes big business, and Christian groups take to the airwaves with high-priced promotions, and larger churches hire fund raising companies and public relations firms to enhance their image and reduce their indebtedness.

Having, to a large degree, adapted the world's concepts of success, churches now gauge their progress not by transformed lives, but by dollars spent, buildings built, and numbers enrolled. Catchy slogans form the basis for facility campaigns and enlistment drives that say, in essence, "*we can do it.*" Some even tend to get hyper-spiritual and add, "*with God's help, we can do it.*"

The whole mentality of the body of Christ has shifted from one of humility and dependence to one of promotion and self-motivation. We talk as if our job were to build the church and to serve God by "doing things for Him". It sounds good, and the world applauds these efforts as though the church is becoming relevant, coming of age, if you will, at last.

The problem is: it's not our job to build the church. In fact, *except the Lord build it, they labor in vain who try* (Psalm 127:1). And we can't "do great things for God"; "*It is God who works in us both to will and to do for His good pleasure*" (Philippians 2:13). Unless this "can do" generation of evangelicals returns to its knees in humility and abandonment before an omnipotent God, we are heaping on ourselves the fires of judgment, even as we enlarge our budgets, increase our enrollments, and succeed with our programs.

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The New Testament church was not characterized by programs, but by power. It was that amazing thing called grace that enabled a band of nobodies, who had nothing but God, to turn their world upside down. They had no air-conditioned buildings, but they were conditioned by God's Spirit to infiltrate society with a kind of freedom and authority man had never experienced before. They had no building campaigns, but they were building a kingdom where moth and rust could not corrupt and where thieves could not break through and steal. The only numbers anyone kept up with were not the latest budget figures, but the numbers that a Holy God had touched by His Spirit unto salvation. All that mattered were souls. And these men and women knew one thing...they did not deserve to belong to a Holy God. It was only by grace that they had been saved. They knew that they could not, *in and of themselves*, change the world in which they lived. Only God could change the world, and if He were to use the likes of them, it would only be by grace.

### GREAT GRACE WAS UPON THEM

It is Acts, chapter four, that is so often quoted as the pinnacle of New Testament reality. It says:

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. (Acts 4:31,33-35 NKJV)

I don't know why we are so afraid of that verse. Four phrases typify that whole experience.

- 1- When they prayed, God acted
- 2- With great power they witnessed
- 3- Great grace was upon them
- 4- They brought their "things" and laid them down

The power came when they prayed. When the power came, they witnessed. As the power flowed, they knew that great grace was enabling them to do what they could not do, change the

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world. So overcome were they with the magnitude of that grace, so undeserving were they, that with total unselfishness they sold what it had taken them a lifetime to accumulate, and gave it to the apostles to distribute as they saw fit.

This wasn't one of those "Together we give" campaigns. They didn't have a thermometer at the front of the sanctuary, so they could applaud when they went "over the top for Jesus". They were just so humbled to be saved by grace, that the very grace which saved them now overtook them and moved them to give themselves away, which ultimately means giving what you have as well. They were in the ministry, and that ministry was nothing more than an expression of the amazing grace of their God. That is the subject for our final look at grace.

The apostles were amazed themselves at what was happening. They hadn't had time to form committees and plan their church-building activities, or even to elect a committee to select the committees. All they'd had time to do was pray. As they humbly bowed before God and gave Him full reign in their lives, something magnificent happened...heaven touched earth. God filled them with Himself, and being filled with God, their only desire was to share His life. So with great boldness they witnessed. That doesn't mean they mustered up boldness and buttonholed people who didn't want to hear. It means that God so inhabited their bodies that *they couldn't help but share their faith*. Great power flooded their souls. Great grace was upon them. Those were parallel statements. And being filled with grace, they saw God doing things they could not, and their ministry multiplied. It still will, when men and women are being filled with grace.

### BY WHOM WE HAVE RECEIVED

Paul began the book of Romans this way:

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,

concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for

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obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,  
(Romans 1:1-5 NKJV)

Paul was called to be an apostle and to declare the good news that Jesus Christ the Son of God had come in the flesh. And this Jesus had empowered Paul by giving him grace and anointing him to the office of apostleship, enabling him to be obedient by sending the gospel to the whole world.

God did the calling. God did the empowering. God did the ministering. God would receive the glory. It was all of God because it was all of grace. Paul didn't just wake up saved and declare, "I'm going to do something to pay God back for redeeming me. I'm going to organize a team of men and win the world for Jesus!" Paul fell on his face before God in utter humility declaring himself to be unqualified for the task. The Holy Spirit empowered him, and divine grace enabled him to speak with a kind of boldness beyond imagination, and giving him power, He gave him a ministry.

The secret to a successful ministry is not organization. The secret is not talent. The secret is not advertising. The secret is not funding. The secret is the supernatural, undeserved, free, sovereign grace of God. It is His grace that prepares the hearts of those to whom you will minister. It is His grace that removes the obstacles that Satan has thrown in your path to prevent you from ministering. It is His grace that gives you the words to speak, places you where you need to be, and makes his or her heart receptive to the gospel. It is His grace that allows the seed of the Word to take root in the soil of a soul and bring forth fruit to everlasting life. It is His grace alone. And the degree to which we recognize that and make ourselves available to be instruments of His grace, our ministry is guaranteed to be effective...maybe not by man's standards...but man's standards will be of no consequence when we get to heaven. Conversely, the degree to which we set up a scenario for us or our church or our group or our system or our plan to receive glory for winning souls or growing saints or doing anything else eternal, to that degree we frustrate the grace of God.

If God chooses to use your church or my church or any other church in the Kingdom, it is not because we are special. It is because God is special, and He can use anything, especially the weak things of this world to confound the mighty. Our prerequisite for greatness is not found in what we do or how great we are, but in how humbly we fall on our faces before God and ask for His amazing grace. He wants to win the lost more than we do. He wants

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to grow the saints more than we do. He wants to train the leaders more than we do. But if churches and missions organizations would spend at least as much time on their knees, humbling themselves before God as they do planning and training and organizing, God would come on stage and do wondrous things for His church. It's all of grace, Beloved. It's all of grace. Yes, we train. Yes, we study. Yes, we plan. But only as a means to an end. That end is to bring tools to lay at the feet of our God and ask Him to use them as He sees fit, and to remove them if they get in His way. These two diagrams help us see the difference:



If the difference seems subtle to you, you may have missed the point. One way God gets glorified. The other way He doesn't. One way you lay up treasures in heaven. The other way you don't. Those differences aren't subtle. They are the difference between operating in the realm of the flesh or in the realm of the spirit. You may wonder, "Then why do these churches or groups who do it the world's way seem to be at least partially successful in building a ministry?" For the same reason that Paul said the man who was preaching Christ out of contention would still be used of God.

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The Word...that's the key. The Word will not return void, but the individual or group will not receive either the eternal reward or the blessing of the freedom that comes when God is doing the work and you are witnessing His grace.

### ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN

The end result of man trying to do what only God can is that men give glory to the wrong person. Incidentally, any person other than God is the wrong person to receive glory. Dissension, conflict, jealousy, and a contentious spirit are all the natural by-products of man trying to play God. Paul was having the same problem in the first century. The people in the Corinthian church were having a church fight over what disciple to give credit for the works of God, and who belonged to what denomination or group. Paul, having referred to them as spiritual babies, proceeds to explain both the problem and the solution.

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it...  
(I Corinthians 3:4-10a NKJV)

You can probably envision the problem. Paul's Sunday School class was bigger than Apollo's. And there was an argument going on, first about which one was the more spiritual, then about which one had the more effective ministry. Paul looked in his billfold at the calling card God had given him, and strangely enough, it didn't say, "Apostle Paul...effective teacher and trainer of men". It said, "Paul, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ by the will of God". Sure enough, the one Apollos had said the same thing. So Paul wrote the Corinthians and asked the question: "Who is Paul anyway?" So I am the one who led you to Christ. Big deal. If so, it was because the

Lord did it. So I planted the seed of the Word, and Apollos watered the seed I planted. Neither one of us is capable of giving birth in the spirit. Only God can do that.

That makes the planter nothing. It makes the water boy just a tool. It's all of God. And it's all of grace. We are all just laborers, working together in the Master's vineyard, according to the grace given us. We couldn't have an effective ministry if we wanted to. Only God can have an effective ministry. Oh, that the body of Christ in our generation would recapture the reality of that truth. You and I can only minister according to the grace given us. As God enables, we minister. As God blesses, we see fruit. As God determines, we will be rewarded as it happens, for what He has done.

### LESS THAN THE LEAST

The greatest single issue in the Christian ministry is whether or not the one doing the ministering understands that it is God who worketh in us, not we who worketh for Him. You can virtually parallel the power of the church's effectiveness through the 2,000 years of this age using that measuring stick. Until we realize that we can't, we cannot fully grasp that only He can.

It was in Ephesians that Paul most clearly enunciated where he stood in that regard. Beginning with verse one, he wrote:

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—

if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (Ephesians 3:1-8 NKJV)



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Verses 7 and 8 tell the whole story of Paul's ministry, and they tell the whole story about *your ministry* and mine.

If God is using us, it is because we are the least likely candidates He has to succeed on our own. And if He blesses what He does in spite of us, what right have we to claim title to His victories?

### The Miracle

Paul begins by declaring that a miracle has taken place. Paul, a prisoner for the sake of the gospel, has been given extra grace to receive a special calling from God. That calling involved the revelation of a mystery that had up until now been hidden, but has now been revealed.

### The Mystery

That mystery was nothing more, nothing less than the fact that the Gentiles were now being granted the same opportunity to be ushered into the family of God as the Jew: same promise, same power, same provisions now were afforded Jew and Gentile alike. This was a mystery indeed, but now God had chosen to use Paul to reveal this secret to the church and to the world.

### The Ministry

So God now enables Paul, the man who had been a persecutor of the church, to do what He has called him to do. Verse 7 describes how He did it. "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power."

Paul's ministry was the result of the supernatural, free, undeserved enabling power of God that was imparted by the sovereign will of God. God, in eternity past, had chosen Paul for this particular ministry and had prepared exactly the grace he would need to accomplish it. That grace became effectual power working in and through the apostle, accomplishing supernaturally what Paul could not do naturally.

### The Method

Interestingly enough, in verse 8, Paul defines the method God used to determine whom He would choose and enable. Paul says, "unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ." God was looking for a vessel through which His

magnificent grace could shine, so He picked out the most unlikely human candidate. Here was a man who was no friend of the Gentiles and certainly no friend of the church. He was a “Jew of Jews” by his own definition, so if he were to be the one selected to present the gospel to the non-Jewish world, it would take a miracle at best. Secondly, his primary goal in life was to destroy the church of Jesus Christ, even to the point of hunting down and killing Christians. It would almost be like anointing Hitler or Stalin to preach the gospel. But wait a minute! If God used this man to do this job, could anyone ever doubt that it was a miracle? No. So that made Paul the leading candidate for the job. And that is why you cannot and must not determine whether or not God can use you based on your qualifications from a human perspective.

Paul had a handle on it. He looked at his qualifications one more time and defined himself as “the least of the saints” given this amazing grace. Paul had no unrealistic pictures in his mind of who he was. He was a miracle, lifted out of the depths of evil and redeemed by the blood of Christ, one “called out of time” to be by grace what no man could ever doubt was of God...a messenger of the gospel he had hated to a people he rejected. Paul was the least likely candidate for the job, which, of course, made him the prime candidate for the job from God’s perspective.

What that means is that as long as Paul had God’s perspective of grace, He could do what no other man could do where the Gentiles were concerned. He could be a supernatural vessel through which God’s enabling power could flow into the lives of a people who, until now, had absolutely no relationship with God. Should Paul at any time begin to feel that either he deserved that honor, had earned that ministry, or could do in and of himself what needed to be done to fulfill that ministry, the grace of God would cease to be free to flow, and God’s ministry would become Paul’s ministry. That’s why I Corinthians 15 is so vital to understanding this, our final look at the grace of God. It says:

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

By which also you are saved,...

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day

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according to the Scriptures,

and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;...

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.  
(I Corinthians 15:1-11 NKJV)

There you have the gospel of the grace of God in a nutshell. Paul was not elevating himself to the position of “expert” in the witnessing department. He hadn’t organized the “Apostle Paul School of Effective Evangelism” or the “STGC” Ministries, for “Snag the Gentiles For Christ”. He felt no surge of pride at having been selected for this office as though God had scanned the computer files for the most likely Jew to win the Gentiles and, obviously, had chosen him. Instead, he was filled with humility and overcome with the reality that God would choose the likes of him.

This was no false pride. This was an honest evaluation of his qualifications apart from the amazing grace of God. Paul looked at the list of people God had available and determined that he was the “least of all the apostles”. He deserved nothing. He qualified for nothing. He had earned nothing. All he had done was try to kill the very people who were proclaiming the message. In Paul’s eyes, he was not worthy to be called an apostle.

Paul had found the secret to effective ministering. He had discovered that God chooses the least likely success story so when the story is complete, it could have been authored only by God. Paul was not holding up his hand in class saying, “I’m the one, Lord; I am a communicator, an administrator, and a theologian. Gimme a shot at it.” No, Paul’s head was buried in his hands as he wept before God at how unusable he seemed to be.

At this point, Paul honestly assesses the situation. He was still the least likely of all the apostles, yet he was not fool enough

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not to realize that something marvelous, something supernatural, something miraculous had happened in his ministry. And so he concludes: “But by the grace of God, I am what I am.” He understood that wonderful things were happening wherever he went. He saw the changed lives. He heard the testimonies. He saw the results. But as a realist, he knew that apart from God’s supernatural indwelling grace, nothing but a disaster could come from his life where eternal things were concerned. It was all of grace. But because of that grace, Paul had become a man of God and a man used of God.

Now comes the often misunderstood statement of Paul’s that finalizes all that he’s said to date. He says, “His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all.” Paul was saying that the grace of God in his life was so overwhelming that it simply inspired him to surrender his total life to freeing that grace to work. Knowing that God was releasing grace in his life didn’t make Paul want to take a nap and wake up and count the converts. It made him want to get out into the highways and hedges where Gentiles were and compel them to come in. It made him want to labor all the more. So, you ask, “then how is it grace, if Paul is working for it?” Oh, Beloved, he wasn’t working for it. He was working through it. Thus, that famous phrase Paul uses more than once to describe the Christ-controlled life, “Yet not I...”.

Paul was describing his zeal in things eternal. And suddenly, even that sounded vain. So he carefully adds this disclaimer. “Yet not I... but the grace of God which was with me.” It was the same marvelous phrase he inserted in Galatians 2:20 where he reminded his followers that he was dead and Christ was alive. He said,

...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;...

(Galatians 2:20b NKJV)

Paul’s grace sandwich is complete. He says it is all of grace that I have a ministry. I am the least of all the apostles. Then he adds, but that grace is not in vain, I labor continually with all the strength I possess...then once again, that Pauline pause that refreshes, “Yet not I...but Christ.” Not I, Paul adds, but rather the same grace that called me now enables me to do what I cannot...to witness to the Gentiles of the saving power of Christ.

My friend, that is the grace aspect of your ministry and mine. It is the key to the future success of every church and every Christian organization in existence. It is a constant reminder that:

1- God does not need us to win the world.

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2- We are not qualified even to be used.

3- Nevertheless, that His strength might be made perfect in weakness, He has called us to do what only His amazing grace can do.

4- Seeing the miracle of His grace each time He uses us to encourage someone or teach someone or share Christ with someone or love someone by His enabling power, we ought to fall on our faces before Him in utter awe.

5- And seeing that He can use even us, we ought to be so thrilled at the miracle that we labor even more than all the rest, that His grace be not extended in vain.

6- Realizing even as we do, that it is not us... God forbid. It is His grace working through us that even motivates us to labor so diligently.

So the calling is of God. The enabling power is of God. The divine motivation that is produced from seeing that grace is of God. In fact, it is all of God.

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 NKJV)

Our ministry, then, is not our ministry at all. Our church is not our church at all. Our converts are not our converts at all. It is all of grace. No man and no woman is fit to be in the ministry...except for God's amazing grace. Not the most skillful orator; not the most learned theologian; not the most persuasive teacher. That man or woman apart from the grace of God may have all the credentials the world is looking for, but if he or she is resting in those credentials, he or she has nothing God is looking for.

God is looking for only one thing: men and women whose only credentials are that they are the recipients of God's amazing grace. And to keep using them, those men and women must maintain that dependent posture, so that even as their ministries multiply, and they begin to realize that God indeed is using even them, they might daily, no hourly, fall on their faces before God and cry out, "I am laboring and seeing fruit...yet not I."

Oh, the matchless grace of God. It reaches into the dunghills of this wretched world and snatches from the jaws of failure men and women who have no might, who have no wisdom, who have no credentials; and by a supernatural, sovereign, undeserved marvel known as grace, He places them in the ministry. He makes churches

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out of nothing, brings ministries out of nothing, multiplies lives out of nothing that no flesh should glory in His presence. Then, to His utter dismay, those very trophies of His grace begin to look in the mirror and, being awed that God has used them, are foolish enough to feel that they have something God needs. All God needs is nothing so that when something comes out of it, He is to be glorified. In this age of mega-ministries and hyper-promotional Christianity, we who claim to be grateful for the grace of God must not fall prey to the devil's lies.

If God is using us, it is because we are the least likely candidates He has to succeed on our own. If He blesses what He does in spite of us, what right have we to claim title to His victories?

The grace of God, by its very nature, is the life of God poured through sinful flesh until the vessel becomes transparent, and the nature of God becomes visible. It is everything God is, made available to the man or woman who knows that only what God is matters. The minute the vessel exalts itself, the God who has been inhabiting it disappears. He cannot share His glory. To do so would be giving man Creator status and robbing man of the one thing he must have to be man... dependence on God.

Do you understand the grace of God? It is free. Nothing you can do can earn its majesty. It is undeserved, Beloved. Nothing you have done makes you a candidate to receive it. It is supernatural. Everything it accomplishes is eternal in nature, and nothing it accomplishes could be accomplished by man apart from God. It is sovereign. It is given by God as God sees fit. It is the power of God, reduced to the exact dimensions needed to fit in the most undeserving of men, so that the life they live and the ministry they have cannot be claimed by sinful flesh.

So go about your ministering this week filled with utter awe that God would so much as let you be a part of something so grand as the church of Jesus Christ. If He enables you to stack chairs or teach children or sing hymns or preach sermons, praise Him. It's all of grace. And should He choose to bless what He's doing through you, and should the devil begin his campaign to convince you that even your zeal is worth praising...simply quietly, humbly, bow your head before God and whisper, "Yet not I, Lord, yet not I..."

As you do, the pride will vanish and the applause of men will cease ringing in your ears; the titles you have heaped upon yourself or that others have heaped upon you will dissolve in an ocean of

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humility. You will once again be amazed that the God of Glory who framed the worlds would even inhabit your sinful life, let alone use it for His glory.

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Yet not I...that's our song  
It must ring through ages long  
Even amidst the world's acclaim  
We must not defile His Name.

Only grace caused God to choose  
Men and women like us to use,  
And only as that grace doth flow  
Can our God His nature show.

And even as that power gives  
Life to those in whom God lives  
We must never fail to cry...  
Softly, Jesus...Yet not I...

Let's pray.

*Father,*

*We are not the ones who can. We live in a world where not only the world but the religions of the world are trying to tell us we are, but we're not.*

*Like Paul, if it were not for the grace of God, we would be lost in a world of sin, bound for eternity. And having been saved by Your saving grace, God, were it not for Your enabling grace, we would have no power, no might, no wisdom, no insight, no discernment, no love...nothing. The impact we would have on the world would be less than nothing. The only impact that can be had through us is what You do in us.*

*And, dear God, may we leave this place today freshly aware of the truth in overwhelming awe that You love us so much...but You do. There is absolutely nothing that You cannot do even through the likes of us. You are not dependent upon our talent. You are not dependent upon our ability. You are not dependent upon our track record. You're only dependent upon our willingness to get out of Your way and let You be God.*

*So, Father, as the days unfold before us, teach us more about Your precious grace. May we learn minute by minute and day*

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*by day to apply it, appreciate it, relax in it and praise You for it. May we stop trying to earn it, may we stop trying to pay You back for it, may we stop trying to do in the flesh what only The Spirit can do. May we stop trying to play God and just let You be Yourself.*

*May this be a glorious week, a week in which no matter the circumstances Christ will be so preeminent in our minds and in our hearts that whatever happens we will simply watch You work as we quietly say, "Yet not I."*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen.*

### A Challenge to Further Study

1- Have you ever been in a ministry experience when "great grace was upon you"? Did you give God all the glory? Did Satan whisper in your ear afterwards "Wow, you and God...what a team"? Do you tend to glory in your church? In your ministry? In your education? In your parenting? In your spirituality? Stop it.

2- Are you tempted to "do things for God" to pay Him back for what He's done for you? What is the fallacy of that mentality? What happens when we get to heaven?

3- What was the problem in the Corinthian church in I Corinthians 3? How can it be likened to what takes place in churches today?

4- What was Paul's calling in Ephesians 3? What qualified him for the job? How did he view his credentials? What can you learn from this?

5- Ask God this week to forgive you for any ways you have shared His glory, thus denying His grace. Softly whisper through this week as men seek to give glory to you, "Yet not I..."

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