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# **GRACE: POWER FOR YOUR PROBLEMS**

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Three situations you need God's grace ...

- I. When I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Temptation="Opportunity to do \_\_\_\_\_.". James 1:13-15 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."
  - B. It's not to be tempted. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- II. When I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Life is \_\_\_\_\_! Philippians 2:13 (Ph) "For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose."
- III. When I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Don't be by troubles. John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

1 Peter 4:12-13

B. Turn to in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 (NLT) "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." Three ways to get God's grace ...

## I. Cry out for God's \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Be humble & \_\_\_\_! James 4:6-8 (NCV/NLT) "God gives grace to the humble. So give yourselves completely to God ... Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you." Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV) "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

### II. Hold on to God's \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. "Look to the \_\_\_\_\_\_" for comfort & grace! Psalm 119:25 (NLT) "I am ... completely discouraged; revive me by Your Word." Psalm 119:116 (NLT) "Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed.

#### III. Accept support from God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ "Look within"
- B. Join a group today! Galatians 6:2 (NCV) "By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ."

#### Where do \_\_\_\_\_ need God's power & grace today?

**2** Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV) "Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take i away from me. 9 But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Next week: part 3 - "From Guilt to Grace"