

Grace Unraveled
The Grace of a Father
2 Corinthians 11:1-15

We live in a world that is proficient in making small talk. We don't like conflict or controversy so we do what we can to avoid hard discussions. We don't like to be obligated to anyone so we avoid asking for help. We don't want to be vulnerable so we avoid conversations about the deeper things of life. But sometimes we need to have those conversations, and when we do, they need to be filled with grace.

1. We fear for the _____ of our children
 - A. We have _____ and _____
 - B. We have _____ and _____
2. We want to instill sound _____
 - A. Be careful with your _____
 - B. Be careful with your _____
3. We warn about _____
 - A. Sin always _____ itself
 - B. The Bible always _____ sin

Making our way in this world is difficult. Making our way in this world as Christians can sometimes seem impossible. God, in His grace, has provided many things to help us navigate life. He has given us His church structured according to His purposes with leaders who are accountable to Him. He has given us His Word to provide an objective standard by which everything else (even church leaders) is judged. He has given us His Spirit to guide us and direct us every step of the way.

Reflection

What are you relying on when it comes to living the Christian life? Are you open to the correction that is sometimes required? Have you identified someone who can speak the hard truths into your life? Is there someone allowing you to do the same for them? Consider how your daily walk allows for the intersection of God's Word and God's Spirit to direct your steps. Are there some things that must change in order to allow that intersection to take place?