

# TALK IT OVER

## Limitless Grace and Peace

Buddy Owens

January 1-2, 2022

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of the document.

### Message Notes

#### Talk It Over

*"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 1:7 (NIV)

#### LIMITLESS GRACE

##### • GRACE IS KINDNESS AND FAVOR I COULD NEVER DESERVE.

*"God's kindness leads you toward repentance."* Romans 2:4 (NIV)

*"When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."* Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

*"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly ... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

*"Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."* Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

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

**Question 1:** Grace can be defined by undeserved kindness, receiving what we do not deserve. What does this mean to you?

## Talk It Over

### • GRACE IS MY POWER SOURCE.

- Power to ENDURE whatever you're going through

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

- Power to RESIST temptation

*"God, who faithfully keeps his promises, will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist. But when you are tempted, he will also give you the ability to endure the temptation as your way of escape."*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (GW)

- Power to ACCOMPLISH the tasks ahead of you

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

- Power to INFLUENCE the world around you

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses ... "*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

### • GRACE IS POWER I COULD NEVER GENERATE ON MY OWN.

**Question 2:** Grace provides the power to endure, resist temptation, accomplish tasks, and influence the world. How can the power of grace help you to grow spiritually? What could you accomplish with more of God's grace that you would be unable to do on your own?

## Talk It Over

### LIMITLESS PEACE

### • PEACE IS NOT ONLY THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT.

#### PEACE IS ALSO THE PRESENCE OF BLESSING.

- ORDER—"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace."

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)

- FULLNESS—"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

- COMPLETENESS—"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

- PROSPERITY—"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

- TRANQUILITY—"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

---

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping small groups benefit from the weekend message? Well, you are in luck! Saddleback members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [Maturity@saddleback.com](mailto:Maturity@saddleback.com)

- **HEALTH & WELL-BEING in your spirit, soul, and body**—“I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (CEV)

“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.” Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14 (NIV)

**Question 3:** Since the peace of God is not only the absence of conflict, but also the presence of blessing (order, fullness, completeness, prosperity, tranquility, health and well-being). What are the blessings of peace you have experienced?

### Talk It Over

- **WHEN THE GRACE OF GOD RESTS ON YOU,**

### THE PEACE OF GOD RULES IN YOU.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

**Question 4:** What steps can we take to allow the peace of God to rule in us?

### Talk It Over

- **THE EXTENT OF HIS RULERSHIP IN MY HEART IS UP TO ME.**

“I will listen to God the Lord. He has ordered peace for those who worship him.” Psalm 85:8 (NCV)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 (NIV)

**Question 5:** Psalm 85:8 says God gives peace to “those who worship him”. In what forms of worship have you participated? What does singing, as one form of worship, involve that makes it such a complete act of worship?

## Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

---

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping small groups benefit from the weekend message? Well, you are in luck! Saddleback members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [Maturity@saddleback.com](mailto:Maturity@saddleback.com)

## Small Group Action Steps

1. Receive free New Believer material:

Text NEWSTART (1 word) to 83000 or email [newstart@saddleback.com](mailto:newstart@saddleback.com)

2. We express our gratitude to God for his goodness by giving back to him. Because of your faithful generosity, we have been able to provide food and supplies to over 600,000 people in Southern California during this COVID crisis. Give at [saddleback.com/give](https://saddleback.com/give).

3. We meet in small groups to discuss what we have heard. To join a group, text SMALLGROUP to 83000, visit our website at [www.saddleback.com/joingroup](https://www.saddleback.com/joingroup), or email [smallgroup@saddleback.com](mailto:smallgroup@saddleback.com).

---

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping small groups benefit from the weekend message? Well, you are in luck! Saddleback members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [Maturity@saddleback.com](mailto:Maturity@saddleback.com)