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A full-page photograph of a young man and woman embracing. The man is in the foreground, wearing a light pink polo shirt and grey plaid shorts, smiling at the camera. The woman is behind him, wearing a striped tank top, with her arms around his shoulders and her head tilted back, smiling. Her blonde hair is blowing in the wind. The background is a clear blue sky with a hint of a landscape at the bottom.

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Jesus was called “The Word of God!” *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.* (John 1:1-5)

Jesus was the embodiment of all that God had ever spoken. He came to reveal God to us. Man had so twisted his image of God into legalistic concepts and it seems that even when they grasped the application of a truth they failed to comprehend the motivation and logic behind the truth. Jesus came to clear up the misconceptions about God! Everything He did - how He handled every situation - was a reflection of the character and nature of God the Father.

The English translation for “word” comes from the Greek word “logos.” Logos has a depth of meaning; however, somehow in recent Church thought the richness of the word became watered down to simply mean “the written Word of God.” But *logos* is far more than the written Word of God; in fact, that would be the least aspect of its meaning. It is the Word of God made alive in human form. *Logos* has more to do with all the word emerges from: the character, the integrity, the reasoning, the logic, the wisdom, and the very nature of God! Jesus was all that God was, all that God thought, and all that God desired to express to man!

When we look at Jesus we grasp the core of God and His intention for man. *I have come that they might have life and have it to its fullest.* (Jn. 10:10) That wasn’t God’s intention that emerged into reality in the New Covenant; that has been His intention all along. Every word that God uttered and every action He undertook was for our good! He did not change from the Old to the New Covenant. He is the Lord God; He never changes! *And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today **for your good?*** (Deut. 10:12-13)

Everything has always been for our good!

The self-righteous legalist thinks he or she is doing things **for God!** God doesn’t need anything from us. What He desires is for us to trust Him and walk in His ways so that we can live an incredible quality of life. And as we experience this life by trusting and following His wisdom we will turn our hearts toward Him in full love. He loves us and He showers us with blessings, He gives us the wisdom and logic that was at the heart of creation. He reveals the secrets of eternity with us because He loves us. His ultimate desire is that we love Him and enter into a relationship with Him through the Lord Jesus.

God’s Word is a roadmap for the abundant life. The word “command” could be translated as “authoritative prescription.” It is not only the cure for what ails us; it is the prevention from what would destroy us. **Gos-pill** is our medicine. In the Book of Psalms God revealed an incredible insight into something that religion has missed since time began. *For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.* (Ps. 50:10-12) He is trying to make His children understand, “I don’t NEED your sacrifices. If I were hungry I would kill something and eat it for myself.” In other words, those sacrifices were not for God they were for mankind. It did not meet a need in Him, but if done in love and faith it would have met a need in the presenter!



At the core of God's nature, at the very root of His character and identity, we must know above all things that "*God is love!*" He has other attributes and expressions of who He is but none of them can be properly interpreted or trusted until you know and trust that all His actions are motivated by His love, His incredible value for mankind! This is a God you can trust. This is a God you will follow! This is a God to whom you will give your heart, soul, mind, and body! This is a Lord you can submit to! This is Word that is not burdensome.

The Word was made flesh so we could see what God really looked like in human form. Since all things were created by and through this *logos* we know this to be the underlying factor, the bringing together, the organizing wisdom, and the holding together of all things. This logic of love is the life of men. Connecting to God's core identity connects us to life in all its forms. It is the secret to all we hope and desire. It is the light that gives understanding to all that exists.

Because God has revealed His nature through His Word, He has modeled what it would look like through the life of Jesus, and He gave the ultimate gift through the crucifixion, we can know what no other religions, science, or philosophy knows. We can live in quietness, confidence, and peace. We can know God (experience His love in every organ of our body, in our mind, in our heart, and in our every capacity to experience) and in knowing Him we can know life at its best!

(This article is based on the philosophies found in the series *Knowing and Feeling the Love of God* and the soon to be released series *Identity, Self-image, and Self Worth*)

Good News ! May 2012

Wisdom for Healing

I really enjoyed the *Wisdom for Healing* series. I've been saved for years but none of the pastors I've had taught anything about dealing with the heart. That's where everything stems from. I am currently doing the Proverbs assignment and I am seeing things I have done in my past and I've had to repent for being foolish. I didn't realize the things I say had such an impact on my life! I am being so blessed by that series. I'm getting more copies because I want to bless others with it so they can learn about the heart also. I am so blessed! ~SF~

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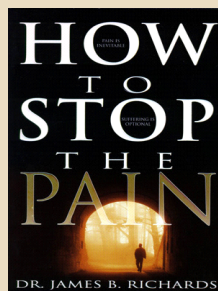
Awesome material! Great stuff every believer should know. This teaching would give every believer the foundation needed to build upon. Thank you, Dr. Richards. ~DS~

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Thank you for all the free stuff online. I am beginning to see things that I didn't understand before. God bless you more and this ministry. ~LL~

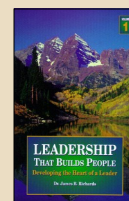
How to Stop the Pain

A friend gave me a copy of Dr. Richards' book "How to Stop the Pain." I wished to God that I would have read this book 25 years ago. The principles in that book are some of the most freeing ideas that I have ever experienced. [Hopefully] I can put them into practice and break out of 42 years of bad habits. Thank you so much. ~TM~



Grace: The Power to Change Leadership that Builds People

This past October I started attending a new church. I talked with the pastor about this Cyber Church I was watching on Friday nights. It was in December that I shared with this pastor about the book, "Grace: The Power to Change." After reading the book my pastor was so moved that he decided to devote every Wednesday to studying that book. We have had an awesome time reading and studying. I also showed him Dr. Richards' books on leadership. Most of the people I go to church with believe the grace message but have a hard time knowing how to lead with this grace. All we have ever known is how to lead by force. My pastor has decided to have all of the church leadership read Dr. Richards' book, "Leadership that Builds People." Thank you, Dr. Richards for your help. Please never stop!!! You are making a world of difference. ~BF~



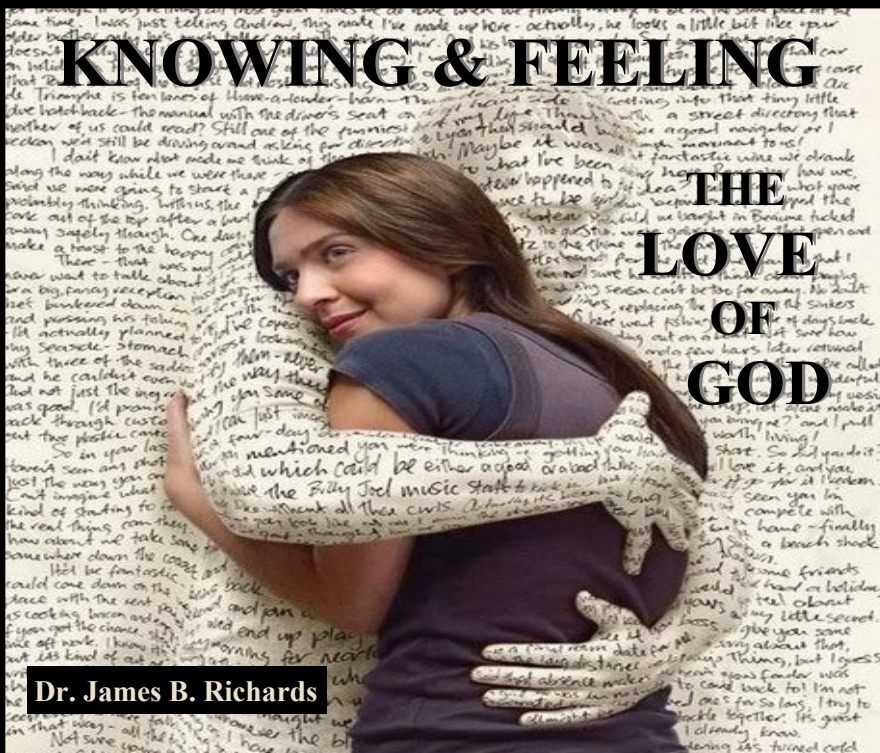
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KNOWING & FEELING THE LOVE OF GOD

Love is the deepest need of any human being! Everything that is healthy about life emerges from the sense of being loved and being lovable. Everything God desires to develop in our life springs from our experience of His unfailing love. However, it is essential that we realize knowing that God loves us and experiencing His love are worlds apart. Love that is not experienced is of no benefit in this life!

Our ability to walk in faith, experience physical healing, have emotional freedom, enjoy loving relationships, and even gain financial success is directly linked to our sense of being loved. The degree to which we experience (feel) God's love shapes every aspect of how we perceive, interpret, and experience life. There is no greater need than to believe (be immovable) and to know (experience in our heart, mind, body, and soul) the love of God!

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Love: The Seed for the Miraculous

By Jim Richards

Recently on my YouTube Channel someone posted a question that seemed to be more of an attack than an inquiry. After hearing a message on *Knowing and Feeling the Love of God* the writer asked, “Can this heal this sick, raise the dead, and work miracles?” The answer is a resounding “Yes!”

We have many ideas about what will produce miracles that are neither born out in Scripture nor proven in life. One such concept is that faith will produce miracles. People should certainly be taught the principles of faith, but this concept has somehow degenerated into beating people up and making them feel condemned for not having enough faith.

Then there are the groups that feel if you just talk about miracles enough faith will get high and you can “initiate” a flow of miracles. Personally, I believe testimonies are among some of the most powerful words spoken. Nothing is as influential as the story of one who has experienced something personally.

I could go down the list of casting our demons, flowing in words of knowledge, prophecy, and all the other biblical truths that have been presented disproportionately as a means to get the same results, but you really didn’t see Jesus place the same emphasis on these topics as we do today, yet there was no lack of miracles in His personal ministry!

The truth is teaching about faith doesn’t necessarily produce faith; it merely gives information about it. Testimonies, on the other hand, are actually used to get optimism high and create expectancy. Expectancy is, in fact, the definition of the Greek word for hope. According to the apostle Paul, to emphasize faith and hope more than love is a reversal of truth. 1 Cor. 13:13 says, *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.* So if I intend to embrace God’s priorities my greatest emphasis must be love. I like what my friend Ed Elliot points out about this verse. “The reason love is the greatest is because love can produce faith and hope, but faith and hope cannot produce love.”

In the Book of Galatians Paul continues to point out the reason to place such a high priority on love. *For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.* (Gal. 5:5-6) In context he is addressing the argument of circumcision and following the law or uncircumcision. It probably astounded people on both

sides of the argument when he pointed out it really doesn't matter if you claim to be free from the law or claim to live under the law, what matters is whether or not you are living in a faith that is rooted in love.

But Paul actually gives us an incredible insight into what makes faith work. Faith works by love. Now that presents the need for two dimensions of love. First and foremost, faith must be rooted in the love of God. The word "faith" really means "to have an immovable trust." We know that we will not trust someone of whom we are afraid. When we are afraid it implies we are not sure of the motives or intentions of the other person. We know that the only cure for fear is love. When we are sure the other person loves us we are able to fully trust them. We have no fear of them hurting us! The apostle John said it like this, *...perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what he might do to us and shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us.* (1 John 4:18, LB) When I become fully convinced of His love for me I become immovable in faith.



My first experience with this took place in a small jungle crusade in the Philippines. I preached to a few hundred people who walked through the mountains in response to the messages that were shouted out over mega-phones across the mountains and valleys, "Bring the sick, and they will be healed." Sure enough, the people came to the announced place at the appointed time and they brought the sick, crippled, blind, and dying!

As I began to preach in the sweltering heat there were all manner of disruptions. The two dogs fighting were not nearly as distracting as the drunk who had gotten up on the concrete foundation of a fallen building that we were using as a stage. He walked back and forth between my translator and me as I attempted to preach a strong message of faith. If that wasn't bad enough, it started to rain. Although the people stood in the rain listening, I saw no proof that they were connecting to my message. I labored even harder to convince them to have faith.

Late in the message, as my translator was delivering my last point, in my heart I cried out to God, "If you're within a thousand miles of this place I can't tell it. We've promised miracles and nothing is going to happen. These people will probably kill me as a fraud and I'll never see my family again." Then, I delivered my next sentence to be translated just on cue as the translator did his, the Lord spoke to my heart and asked, "Do you believe I love these people?" "Lord! Of course, I believe you love them!" was my heart's response. His instructions came, "Just convince them of my love!" At that moment I shifted my message so that it was all about how much He loved them.

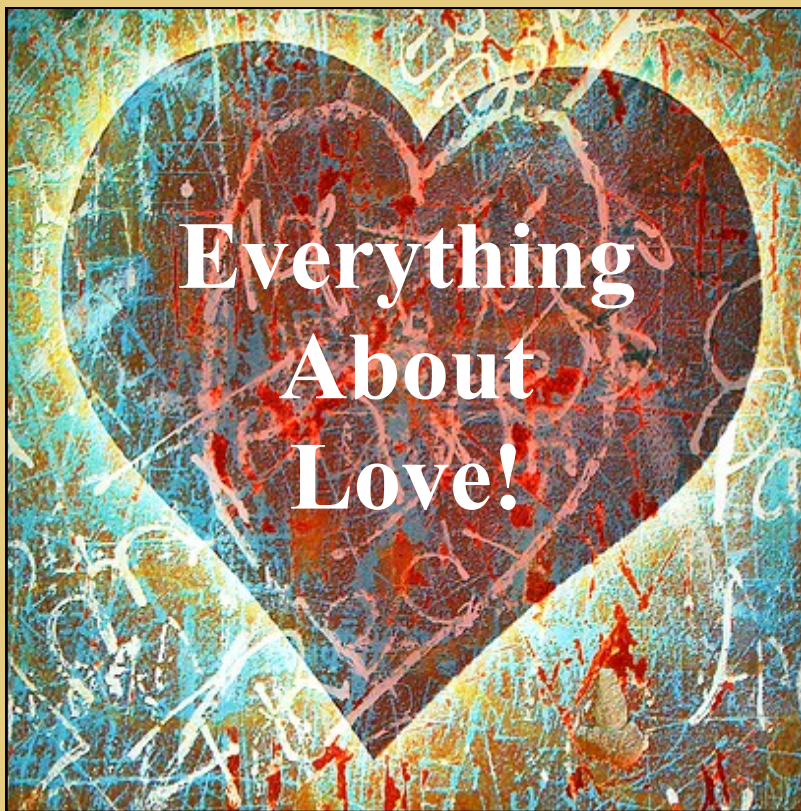
As I saw their excitement grow I knew they were connecting to this message. When I gave an opportunity for people to give their lives to Jesus as Lord the response was overwhelming. Then we prayed to this God whose love they now were fully convinced of and there was an explosion of miracles and healings. Blind people received their sight! The sick were healed and even deaf ears were opened. It was like something I had only read about in the Bible but it was happening in real life. They were willing to trust God for the miraculous because they were fully convinced of His love as expressed through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

The other dimension of faith working by love zeros in on our motive for operating faith. Is it our love for the world that moves us to believe for miracles or is it our desire to have a "power ministry?" In other words, is it for us or them? Jesus was moved to the miraculous by compassion! What's moving me?

In 1 Cor. 13:1-3 Paul brings some things into perspective: *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.* When love is not motivating my actions, no matter what I do, I have nothing, I am nothing, and I benefit nothing!

If I really want the power of God in my life I need to know and feel the love of God. In Ephesians Paul said when we are rooted and grounded in love we will be filled with all the fullness of God! We've tried to experience the fullness of God by having enough faith rather than by having faith in the love of God!

When your heart is established in love faith will abound. Until you believe in the love of God faith will be intermittent, wavering, and hard. The more you feel the love of God the more you trust Him. The more you love people the more you will be moved to bring them the fullness of God... including the miraculous!



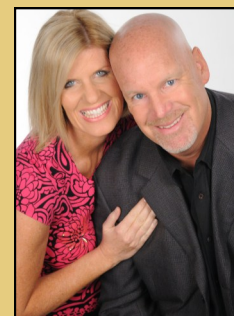
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Here's where I left off:

After attending Impact for some time my perspective about God changed. The foundational belief that He would never hurt me became affixed in my heart and for the first time in my life I wasn't afraid of being snuffed out. Eight years at Impact and that was my main take-away, but WOW! What a take-away! Not only was I free from a life-long fear that had imprisoned me, but that very truth would prove to be the catalyst for future heart transformation.

In the years that followed I thought I understood grace; after all, I'd read the book. I knew the definition and could correct anyone who thought they knew any better. There was only one problem: it wasn't working in my life. Does it ever bother you that information doesn't work just because you've memorized it? The reality that grace was just head knowledge wasn't completely evident until children entered my world. It's amazing how kids tear apart the seams of the weakest elements of our theology.

Fast forward: Gracy has forced me to apply grace to my own life. When I realized the awesome responsibility of raising her I had to take a long, hard look at myself. After all, there was no one else standing there! In so many ways we're alike but to make matters difficult she emulates everything I do and say. It's devastating to hear my harshness repeated from her innocent lips. Those parts of my past I had buried for so long were raging to be unleashed and no amount of sheer will or force could contain it.

I've always believed that facing yourself and owning your part can lead to the greatest freedoms you'll ever experience. Admitting that I was imitating the parenting model I'd experienced as a child wasn't easy; but in order to change I also had to admit that I was doing everything in my own strength. And it didn't stop there. Once I stepped through that door of admission I was able to see other places where grace was clearly absent and, before I knew it, I was back to dealing with the one place from which everything emerges: my heart.

Have you ever wondered if you'll ever experience an entirely intact self-worth, at least on this side of Heaven? Good grief! It's the never-ending struggle, isn't it? Naturally, I began to question myself. Had I not already straightened this out? Am I not over myself already? Sorry, no. Transformation is an on-going process, one that won't be complete until we're on the other side of Heaven. Okay, so had I at least settled the issue of God's love? Wasn't the proof in the absence of my life-long fear? Sure, but I'd soon discover that intellectually knowing God isn't angry wasn't the same as feeling His love permeate and heal my heart to change my thoughts and feelings, creating an abiding sense of peace and joy.

This is what I enjoy so much about *Heart Physics*. It gently and safely guides you to the place where you can clearly see how your heart perspectives are misaligned with truth. It was in one such place that I shed old graven images of myself and discarded counterfeit versions of who I thought I was. The truth? I wasn't really dead to my flesh. Oh sure, Jesus was my Savior; but He wasn't my Lord. I'd been willing to let Him take care of the eternity issue but was unwilling to surrender lordship to His wisdom.

Ultimately, it was the emotional health and future of my children that compelled me to face myself. Grace, in particular, is my mirror-image and reality check. Whenever I want to know how I'm doing I look at her behavior and it was crystal clear this anger was consuming me. It was a surprising discovery because it was so second-nature to be angry that I never even knew I had an anger problem. Determined to end the deep-rooted, familial anger that plagued my family for generations, I embarked on a relentless journey. It wasn't an overnight success, but rather an accumulation of small successes until one day I realized the rage was gone.

Grace & Mercy

Part 2

By Angela Priest

*A good name is rather to be
chosen than great riches...*
Proverbs 22:1a



So, how? It started with letting myself off the hook. Knowing that He's a merciful God didn't change the course of my life until I experienced His mercy for myself. I allowed myself to feel His mercy. Of course I was taught He was merciful, but I still didn't feel deserving and that was my excuse for a long time. But when I realized the price tag for my anger I decided, deserving or not, I wanted His mercy!

Rewind: A year and a half after adopting Grace we were flying back to China to adopt our second daughter. This trip would prove to be quite different from the first. Our newest member of the family was tiny and frail. Riding back to the hotel with her in my lap, I watched the fear creep into her face as she realized she was no longer with anyone familiar. What followed was heartbreaking. She was so weak from malnutrition she barely had the strength to cry. The sound she made was more like a baby cooing than crying. I melted at the way she pursed her lips and it was in that moment that love flooded my heart for this precious little one. She was only eighteen months old.

Just as we had done with Grace, we chose our new daughter's name in advance. It would be Mercy Solada Priest. Webster defines mercy as *compassion* and the Bible describes it as *not getting what you deserve*. Mercy was an attribute I had seldom encountered and barely recognized when I did. On the few occasions I detected an act of mercy I was either so surprised that I didn't know how to respond or was quick to discredit the gesture as a sign of weakness; yet my need for mercy was overwhelming. Life had been fairly heavy-handed in my world. Manipulation, domination, fear, and force were the customary tools for getting what you wanted and there was no room for mercy.

While holding my new, tiny, baby girl for the first time I felt deep compassion, but it was the first time I felt God's mercy for myself. I didn't feel deserving of such a precious gift, but there she was looking into my eyes, afraid and uncertain of her future. All I could contemplate was how the mismanagement of my own life hadn't disqualified me for the opportunity to shape the outcome of hers. I'd been given another chance! The strong sense of responsibility that followed increased the desire for my God-given nature along with the desire to be rid of the second nature I had developed in response to the pain of my past.

Her middle name, Solada, is Thai for *listener*. We've also shortened the meaning of her name to *compassionate or merciful listener*. In naming her some might call it ironic but I call it "divinely appropriate" because, as it turns out, Mercy's partially deaf. People have a tendency to live up to what they're called and in her case I'm banking on it. She already shows a natural compassion for people and, for the record, her hearing has dramatically improved since we brought her home and continues to do so with regular care and prayer!

I'll never forget the day I realized the correlation between my love for my girls and God's love for me. Everything I'd ever learned about Him came alive when I looked into the eyes of my children and finally understood how He felt about me! This was the day the light broke through and His Word became life. In all my well-laid plans and preparations I never accounted for the personal growth I'd experience in raising my kids. My intention was to teach and instruct them in the ways of God, but guess who's getting the education of a lifetime?

Fast forward: Every day as I interact with Gracy I'm constantly reminded how much I need His grace - His ability - working in me to be patient, gentle, and kind rather than demanding, forceful, and unyielding. I'm learning the value of His wisdom. It's with Grace that I realize my forty one years' worth of life experience and education in no way qualifies me to do it by myself. Yes, it was actually shocking to discover that I really didn't know it all. I must pursue His wisdom if I want the life He predestined for me and if I want my daughter to have a healthy, response-driven relationship with God that brings a life of ease rather than the mirror-image of my self-reliant life of strife and struggle.

With Mercy I'm constantly reminded how God feels about me and how He demonstrated those feelings through Jesus. When she gently takes my hand into hers, particularly after I've said something harsh or rude, I remember that God's soft-heartedness doesn't hold my transgressions against me. Mercy's gentleness, kindness, and acceptance impact me in ways that I can't even explain. This five-year-old reflects God's love better than most adults I know and she makes me want to be like her.

In many ways both girls already live out their names. Grace is learning how to access the power of God to do what she can't do or is afraid to do, and with better results. We're establishing a track record that builds our confidence and trust in God by celebrating every success together, no matter how small. Due to her past experiences and our similar behavior patterns, Grace needs all the grace she can get - just like me! Mercy, while compassionate and gentle, can also be stubborn and manipulative. As she learns to exercise the power

of forgiveness and her ability to choose her emotional responses, I'm able to measure the increasing distance between fits of reluctance and subtle bouts of self-pity with a longer yardstick.

As a parent I could go on and on about grace and mercy, but I hope to leave you with the distinct uniqueness of the two. While both are reflections of God's character, they aren't interchangeable synonyms. Grace is the very power of God Himself making us able to do what we can't do in and of ourselves. Grace is a free gift He bestows on us limitlessly because He knows what it's like to be in this world. How could I possibly model a parenting style I've never experienced without it? Mercy's the reason He lends grace so freely. While our behavior may not deserve it, He sent Jesus to qualify us for all the blessings of the New Covenant and adopt us as His children. Without mercy we would have been doomed from the beginning. How could I possibly move beyond my past without it?

In public we're constantly asked if our girls are twins even though they look nothing alike except for the fact that they're Chinese. If you mistakenly assume that grace and mercy are the same by definition, you'll most likely nullify the power of God as you continue to struggle for the promises while reinforcing the belief that you're not qualified to receive them. The truth is, your life won't look very different in the years to come unless you accept the fact that God has given you all things that pertain to life and godliness based on the love and tender mercies He feels for you, not because of your ability to keep His commandments. In fact, keeping His commandments is a testament to our feelings for Him, not the other way around. The moment this truth becomes alive inside you, you'll feel empowered to do whatever is in your heart. For it's by His grace and because of His mercy that we can live life as it should be (righteousness): an adventure rich in the discovery of knowing Him and living out of that experience.

The Bible says we'll receive a new name in Heaven, but many of you can't afford to wait for that day. So I'm asking you, in the deep recesses of your heart, what do you call yourself? I don't mean the name your parents gave you, but what do you think of yourself? Do you call yourself a loser? Does your self-talk reflect a person who's undeserving and still in need of redemption? If so, you can make Christ your Lord, not just your Savior. You can release the destructive self-perceptions you developed in response to your past in favor of the new identity you've been given in Christ. When you see yourself the way God sees you, then you'll talk to yourself the way He talks to you and you'll call yourself what He calls you. Now that list is as long as any book of baby names, so I'll loan you a favorite of mine to get started: *beloved*. Because *a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches*!

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