

Consider It

The Corinthians did not lack any gift of grace, but they came up short in ministering God's grace to each other. What is the evidence that their exercise of grace was deficient?

- 1 Corinthians 1:7, 10-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:15-16
- 1 Corinthians 12:21
- 1 Corinthians 12:25-26
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Enjoying God's gracious favor does not exempt us from difficulty. What were some of the difficult things that Paul faced (6:4-10)?

How does Paul respond to hardship (6:6-10)?

What is the key to living a grace-filled life (6:6-7; Luke 11:13)?

How does God use hardships to deepen our experience of His goodness and grace?

What righteous weapons might Paul have in mind? What might he have held in his left and right hand (Eph 6:16-18)?

What are the paradoxical outcomes that result from enjoying God's grace in hardship (6:10)?

Live It

What have you learned from Paul's example that will help you endure hardship or suffering?

Who will you come alongside and encourage this week with the gift of words or the gift of helps?

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"Grace-filled Faith"

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Sunday, October 6, 2019

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Sermon Declaration

The hour has come. This is the time to enjoy God's favor.

Receive Saving Grace

Depend on Sustaining Grace

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Exercise Serving Grace

Open It

What is one of the hardest things you or your family has faced?

Read It

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 (NIV)

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How does God expect us to use His grace for the benefit of others (1 Peter 4:10-11)?