

GRATEFUL FOR GRACE

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1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.*
Amen.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. How has Christ strengthened you in this season of life?
3. This passage speaks of dramatic and profound transformation through God's grace. Even if not as dramatic, in what ways has God's grace been at work transforming you?
4. Sometimes we act out of ignorance (v.13). Reflect on a time when someone was patient with your ignorance and helped you learn something meaningful.
5. Reflect on a person or people who have inspired you by a remarkable reversal in their life?
6. Who are the "saints" in your life who have helped you learn and embrace faith?

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