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A STUDY OF POLARITIES:
GRACE // TRUTH

WEEK 2: GRACE // TRUTH

Scripture often wrestles with the polarity of grace and truth. Figuring out whether truth or grace is needed in a situation can feel like a major problem to solve. Do we tell the hard truth, fearing people may go down the wrong path if they aren't corrected? Or do we let things go knowing that we all make mistakes? **Let's explore the scripture and see what it says about both sides of this polarity.**

DAY 1: GRACE


Grace is a beautiful thing. It's undeserved favor. We witness grace all the time when God treats people better than they deserve. We're able to give grace to others because of God's given it to us. Today let's look at a parable Jesus tells about a Father and his two sons, where an incredible amount of grace is lavished on one who deserves great punishment.



LUKE 15:1-2; 11-32

- What does this passage say about who God is?
- Why do you think Jesus told this story?
- What does it reveal about the grace of God?
- What's difficult for you to accept or understand about this story?
- When was a time in your life when you needed grace like this?

Truth can be difficult. If truth were always easy, we would be fine giving and receiving it. The reality is we don't always want to hear what we need to hear. And we don't always want to tell others what they need to hear. But Jesus didn't shy away from telling people hard truths they needed to hear. Here we encounter an interaction Jesus has with a group of people in which he pulls no punches.



LUKE 11:37-54

- What stands out about this story?
- How does the way Jesus spoke to these people make you feel?
- When is the time for a conversation like this?
- What's difficult for you to accept or understand about this passage?
- When was a time when you needed to hear hard truths like this?

DAY 2: TRUTH

DAY 3: REFLECTION

Take time to reflect on what you've discovered from studying the different examples of grace and truth.

1. How have you sought God's wisdom as you have explored balancing this polarity this week?
2. Who have you partnered with to explore this polarity? Who has helped you along the way?
3. How has your time exploring the scripture made you view the relationship between faith and works differently?
4. How do you need to obey these two passages and manage the tension of grace and truth in your own life?