

Thrive in '25, Part 3: Remember

Romans 12:3-8

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Main Point: Remember grace.

1. Remember, grace saved you from who you were

³ For *by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

-Romans 12:3

¹ And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day *a great persecution against the church* in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But *Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.*

-Acts 8:1-3

¹ And *you were dead* in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the *sons of disobedience*— ³ among whom *we all once lived in the passions of our flesh*, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature *children of wrath*, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—*by grace you have been saved.*

-Ephesians 2:1-5

¹¹ For **the grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to **renounce ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us **to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

-Titus 2:11-14

2. Remember, grace made you who you are now

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. **The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**

-2 Corinthians 5:17

¹ But Saul, **still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord**, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ **Now as he went on his way**, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.**" ⁶ **But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."**

-Acts 9:1-6

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment**, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

-Romans 12:3

...we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us.

-Romans 8:37

...**heirs** of God and **fellow heirs** with Christ...

-Romans 8:17

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God**, ¹³ **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

-John 1:11-12

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ **But by the grace of God I am what I am**, and his grace toward me was not in vain.

-1 Corinthians 15:9-10

3. Remember, grace empowers you to do what God gifted you to do

⁴ *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

-Romans 12:4-8

⁶ *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...*

-Romans 12:6

¹⁰ *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

-1 Peter 4:10

Conclusion:

If we truly want to Thrive in '25, we must remember grace

- we must remember that grace has:
 - saved us from who we were
 - made us into who we are now
 - empowered us to do what we have been gifted to do

Application:

- Grace is a gift. Receive it today and allow it to have its full effect in your life!