

CONDUITS OF GRACE

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INTRODUCTION

The power of His life flows from the place of His presence
There is a river that flows from the presence of God
Where the river flows, there is life
This life opens the door to significance

KEY POINT: Grace has been given to us so that grace may be given through us
Vessels through whom God can pour out His grace

TEXT: Romans 12:1-8

Setting: Paul writing an introductory letter to the Romans
1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe..."

- **In view of God's mercy...**

Answer the question: what do we do now? What do we do in light of all He has done for us?
Our lives have been transformed by the grace of God

- **Offer your bodies...**

Bodies: the power of presence
Incarnation: proximity determines impact

Living – the whole of your life
Holy – set apart from and set apart for
Pleasing – for His pleasure

- **Be transformed by the renewing of your minds...**

Thinking differently allows us to live different
Not just about living better but living to better
Created to be contributors and not just consumers

- **We have different gifts accord to the grace given us...**

To each of you – relationship with God
Through each of you – purpose to live for God
What will we do with the gift given us?

Stepping up into the grace we've been given
Impacting our circle of influence with the love of Jesus

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1. Being available

Here am I, send me...

Willingness to get involved in the purpose of God

Getting our pride out of the way...

2. Discovering our gifts

Learning how we've been SHAPED by His grace to serve His purpose

Discovery: a variety of experience, reflection, prayerful evaluation and honest conversations

- o Spiritual Gifts
- o Heart/Passions
- o Abilities
- o Personality
- o Experiences

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3. Acting gracefully

Not just about the conduct but the character of the conduct

Reflecting the love of Jesus

CONCLUSION

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Experiencing the joy of His grace flowing through us!