

BECOMING *OUR TRUE SELVES*

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OVERARCHING THEME:

LAST REVIVE, MICHAEL SHARED THE INVITATION OF GOD'S GRACE: "OUR LIFE'S PURPOSE IS NOT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO STRIVE FOR OR COME UP WITH ON OUR OWN - IT IS ABOUT ALLOWING OURSELVES TO EMBRACE THE NEW LIFE, AND OUR TRUE SELVES, THAT IS GIVEN BY GOD'S GRACE."

LAST SUNDAY'S MESSAGE POINTS:

- EPHESIANS 2:1-10

- WE HAVE ALL BEEN GIVEN GOD'S GRACE

- WHILE WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED GRACE, WE STILL STRUGGLE EVERY DAY WITH OUR OWN BROKENNESS AND THE BROKENNESS IN THE WORLD AROUND US, WHICH MAKES IT HARD FOR US TO BELIEVE AND TRUST IN GRACE.

- TO FULLY EMBRACE THE GRACE THAT GOD HAS FOR US REQUIRES ADMITTING OUR OWN POWERLESSNESS, AND SURRENDERING TO GOD'S GRACE. THE INVITATION I SEE HERE IS TO PUT ASIDE OUR FEELINGS OF WORTH BEING TIED TO OUR LIFE'S PURPOSE. WE WERE CREATED TO HAVE PURPOSE, BUT THAT FLOWS FROM GOD'S GRACE AND ISN'T CONNECTED TO OUR OWN EFFORTS OR WORTHINESS.

TODAY, WE WANT TO DIVE DEEPER INTO WHAT GOD'S GRACE LOOKS LIKE FOR US. HOW DO WE SEE GOD'S GRACE? DO WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO RECEIVE IT?

REFLECTION EXERCISE: VISIO DIVINA

VISIO DIVINA IS TRANSLATED AS "DIVINE SEEING". IT IS RELATED TO THE PRAYER FORM LECTIO DIVINA (DIVINE READING), BUT INSTEAD OF SCRIPTURE, THIS FORM OF PRAYER USES VISUAL ELEMENTS TO HELP SET YOUR MIND ON PRAYER. IT ALLOWS GOD TO SPEAK INTO YOUR HEART THROUGH THE IMAGE.

1. WHAT IMAGE REFLECTS GOD'S GRACE TO YOU?

2. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT IMAGE? WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU?

3. WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING THROUGH THE IMAGE ABOUT HIS GRACE?

