

## **A STUDY ON LOVE AND GRACE IN COMMUNITY**

*A study from selected men of God and Jesus.*

How do the following passages illustrate love and grace by one individual to another individual? One individual to others? What impact did such love and grace extended have on the recipient(s)? On the community of those watching? How do the parables and teaching of Jesus teach and/or illustrate grace?

### **Abraham**

1. To Lot-Genesis 13-14

### **Joseph**

1. To his brothers-Genesis 37-50

### **Moses**

1. To Jethro-Exodus 18
2. To the Israelites-Exodus 32, Numbers 14, 16
3. To Miriam and Aaron-Numbers 12

### **David**

To citizens of Keilah-1 Samuel 23

1. To Saul-1 Samuel 24, 26
2. To tired soldiers-1 Samuel 30:1-25
3. To Abner, general of his enemy-2 Samuel 3
4. To Mephibosheth, son of his friend, grandson of his enemy-2 Samuel 9

### **Selected Prophets**

1. Samuel to the Israelites who rejected him-1 Samuel 8,12
2. The man of God to King Jeroboam who led Israel into idol worship-1 Kings 13.
3. Elijah to the gentile widow-I Kings 17
4. Elijah to Ahab, the king who led Israel to Baal worship-1 Kings 18
5. Man of God to Ahab-1 Kings 20

6. Elisha to Naaman the enemy general-2 Kings 5

### **Job**

1. To his “friends” who had accused him falsely-Job 42

### **Jesus**

1. To those persecuting you-Matthew 5:38-42
2. To your enemies-Matthew 5:43-48
3. To the leper “unclean”-Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45
4. To the Roman centurion-Matthew 8:5-13
5. To Matthew the tax collector and his friends considered “sinners”-Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17
6. To his hungry disciples picking corn on the Sabbath-Matthew 12:1-14
7. To a Canaanite-a Syro-Phoenician woman needing help for her daughter-Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30
8. To the brother who sins against you-Matthew 18:15-20
9. To the brother who sins against you-Matthew 18:21-35
10. The landowner to the hired workers that came in the last watch-Matthew 20:1-16
11. To the “sinful” woman, called Mary in John, who anointed him while he dined in the home of Simon the Leper, a Pharisee. Martha served and Lazarus who was raised from the dead present among the guests-Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-8
12. To the man with a shriveled hand healed on the Sabbath-Mark 3:6
13. To the demon possessed “legion” man -Mark 5:1-20
14. To the woman “unclean” and sick from her bleeding, and to Jairus the synagogue’s ruler whose daughter was sick and died-Mark 5:21-43
15. To his disciples who ate with “unclean” hands-Mark 7:1-23
16. To little children, not allowed into his presence-Mark 10:13-16
17. To the rich young man looking for truth but unwilling to give up his riches to gain it-Mark 10:17-31
18. To his disciples eager for power-Mark 12:35-44

19. To the poor widow who gave all her possessions in two small copper coins-Mark 12:41-44
20. To Peter who denied him three times-Mark 14:27-31, 66-72, Luke 22:31-34, Mark 16:7
21. To women, the first witnesses of his resurrection-Mark 16:1-14, John 20:1-18
22. To Peter-Luke 5:1-11
23. To the widow whose only son died-Luke 7:11-17
24. To the Samaritans who refused to welcome him while on his resolute trip to Jerusalem (this after he had brought salvation to them)-Luke 9:51-56, John 4
25. To the “expert of the law” who wanted to test Jesus and justify himself-Luke 10:25-37
26. To the crippled woman bound by Satan for eighteen years, whom he healed on the Sabbath-Luke 13:10-17
27. To man suffering with dropsy that he healed on a Sabbath, while he dined at a Pharisee’s house-Luke 14:1-14
28. To the “poor, crippled, blind, lame, and ordinary folk” of society-Luke 14:15-24
29. To the sinner who repents-Luke 15:1-10
30. To the prodigal son who sins and returns-Luke 15:11-32
31. To ten lepers when only one returned thanks-Luke 17:11-19
32. To the tax collector who came to pray-Luke 18:10-14
33. To Zacchaeus the tax collector-Luke 19:1-10
34. To the women who wept for him as he suffered-Luke 23:26-31
35. To those who crucified and mocked him-Luke 23:32-38
36. To the thief crucified with him-Luke 23:39-43
37. To the Samaritan woman-John 4
38. To the woman caught in adultery-John 8:1-11
39. To the crowds who followed him not for the bread of heaven, but for the bread of earth-John 6
40. To the disciples by washing their feet-John 13:1-17

41. To doubting Thomas-John 20:24-29

42. To Peter again-John 21:1-25

43. To Paul the blasphemer and persecutor of the Church-Acts 9:1-30, 22<sup>1</sup>-21, 26:1-32, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Suggestions on books to read**

- “*What’s so amazing about grace?*” Philip Yancey, Zondervan Publishing.
- “*The Jesus I never knew*” Philip Yancey, Zondervan Publishing.
- “*Amazing grace*” Chuck Swindoll.