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# GRACE

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## The Foundation of Courage

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1 NIV).

“[God] justifies those who have faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:26 NIV).

For those in Christ, these promises are not only a source of joy. They are also the foundations of true courage. You are guaranteed that your sins will be filtered through, hidden in, and screened out by the sacrifice of Jesus. When God looks at you, he doesn't see you; he sees the One who surrounds you. That means that failure is not a concern for you. Your victory is secure. How could you not be courageous?

*The Applause of Heaven*

### Read Together

“I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

HEBREWS 8:12 NIV



## Be Brave!

The Bible says that “those who are in Christ Jesus are not judged guilty” (Romans 8:1 ICB). It also says that God will “make right any person who has faith in Jesus” (3:26 ICB).

That is great news for God’s children! Because sometimes, even when you *want* to do right, you do wrong. We all do. That’s why God’s promises are so wonderful! If you believe in Jesus and obey him, God promises that your sins will all be taken away and that they will be hidden by Jesus. So when God looks at you, he doesn’t see your sin; he sees the One who saves you—Jesus.

That means that you don’t have to worry about messing up. You’ve already won because Jesus saves you. Trusting in that promise gives you the courage to try to do the right thing—even when you know you might mess up. Trusting in that promise lets you be brave.

### GROWING IN GRACE



*Grab some friends and play a game of hide-and-seek. As you hide, remember how Jesus hides your sins and mistakes. And as you seek, remember how God promises never to seek for your forgiven sins!*

## You're Something Special

We want to know how long God's love will endure . . . . Not just on Easter Sunday when our shoes are shined and our hair is fixed. . . . Not when I'm peppy and positive and ready to tackle world hunger. Not then. I know how he feels about me then. Even I like me then.

I want to know how he feels about me when I snap at anything that moves, when my thoughts are gutter-level, when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does he feel about me then? . . .

Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us?

God answered our question before we asked it. So we'd see his answer, he lit the sky with a star. So we'd hear it, he filled the night with a choir; and so we'd believe it, he did what no man had ever dreamed. He became flesh and dwelt among us.

He placed his hand on the shoulder of humanity and said, "You're something special."

*In the Grip of Grace*

### Read Together

Nothing . . . in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

ROMANS 8:39



# You're Something Special

How long will God love you?

Not just on Easter Sunday when your shoes are shined and your hair is fixed. Not just when you're happy and kind. Not just then. Everybody loves you then.

But how will God feel about you when you snap at everyone around you? When you have hateful thoughts? When you sass your parents? How does God feel about you then?

*Can anything separate you from the love Jesus has for you?*

God answered that question long before you even asked it. He answered it by lighting up the sky with a star. He answered it by waking the shepherds with the song of angels. He answered it by sending his one and only Son to be born in a stable in Bethlehem—to save you.

By sending Jesus to live and die on earth, God said to all people, “You’re something special. Nothing can keep me from loving you.”

## GROWING IN GRACE



*Bad days happen. They just do. Next time you're feeling rotten—or when you've been rotten—ask your mom if you can use a dry erase marker on the mirror. Look at yourself in the mirror and draw a big heart around your face. Then write “Jesus loves me—even today.”*

## A Parent's Precious Prayers

Never underestimate the ponderings of a Christian parent. Never underestimate the power that comes when a parent pleads with God on behalf of a child. Who knows how many prayers are being answered right now because of the faithful ponderings of a parent ten or twenty years ago? God listens to thoughtful parents.

Praying for our children is a noble task. If what we are doing, in this fast-paced society, is taking us away from prayer time for our children, we're doing too much. There is nothing more special, more precious than time that a parent spends struggling and pondering with God on behalf of a child.

*Walking with the Savior*

### Read Together

“All your children will be taught by the LORD,  
and they will have much peace.”

ISAIAH 54:13



## Prayers for Parents

Pay attention to the prayers of a Christian parent. Pay attention to the power that comes when a parent asks God to be with or help a child. Who knows what prayers will be answered in your life ten or twenty years from now because of your parents' faithful prayers right now? God listens to thoughtful parents.

And God listens to thoughtful children. Just as your parents pray for you, take time to pray for your parents. They are God's children too. They need his help, his guidance, his wisdom just as much as you do. There is nothing more special, more precious than the time that a child spends struggling with prayers to God. Your prayers are heard—and answered—in heaven.

### GROWING IN GRACE



*It doesn't matter how old you are, there are few things more wonderful than hearing your name lifted up in prayer. Ask your parents if you can pray together. Listen as they pray for you—and let them hear your prayers for them.*