



**the Confounding
Grace of God**

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Ephesians

- 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
- 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

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Call ✧



Definitions

- Confound - cause surprise or confusion in (someone), especially by acting against their expectations.
- Grace - unearned favor

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The Means of Grace

- Positionally
 - Faith in Christ - Eph 2:8-9
 - Faith of Christ - Gal 2:20
- Practically - 2 Pet 3:18
 - Word of God - Col 3:16
 - Prayer - Jam 4:6-10

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Call for Salvation - Act 17:30

- This is confounding to the world - 1 Cor 1:23

Call for Sanctification - 1 Th 4;7

- This is confounding to our flesh - Rom 8:10

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Call for Service - 2 Tim 1:9

- 2 Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- This is confounding to our own plans and ideals

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Call for Service - 2 Tim 1:9

- 1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
- “Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning”
- Dallas Willard

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What has God called you to?

Does it feel beyond you?

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Men Called by Grace

- Moses
- David
- The Disciples
- Paul

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Men Viewed by Grace

- Abraham

- A hot mess - Gen 12-22
- Called the “father of all them that believe” - Rom 4:11
- Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

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Men Viewed by Grace

- Gideon - Judges 6
 - Fearful and doubting
 - God calls him a “mighty man of valour”

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Men Viewed by Grace

- Moses
 - Killed a man - Ex 2:12
 - Called the meekest man whoever lived - Num 12:3

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Men Viewed by Grace

- David
 - Committed adultery and murder
- 2 Sam 11-12
 - Referred to as a “man after God’s
own heart” - Act 13:22

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Men Viewed by Grace

- Lot

- Unspeakable sexual sin - Gen 19
- Called just and righteous

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his] righteous soul from day to day with [their] unlawful deeds;)

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Do I see myself in light of God's grace?

1 Cor 6:9-11

Key Question



Matthew & Simon - Lk 6:15

- Matthew the (Roman) tax-collector
- Simon Zelotes
 - “The Zealots objected to Roman rule and violently sought to eradicate it by generally targeting Romans and Greeks.” - wiki

These two men following the same rabbi would have been a spectacle for the whole world

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Community



How about You and...

- Your leaders?
- Your peers?
- Your disciples?

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Jhn 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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Do I see the people God has placed in my
life in light of God's grace?

Eph 4:15-16

Key Question



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- John Mark
 - The failed servant - Acts 13:13; 15:38
 - Writes the gospel portraying Christ as God's perfect servant - Mk 10:45, 2 Tim 4:11

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- The Apostle John

- One of the “sons of thunder” - Lk 9:51-56
- Writes the book that states, “God is Love” - 1 Jo 4:7-11

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Men Transformed by God's Grace

- The Apostle Peter

- Too zealous for his own good, rebukes Jesus, always putting his foot in his mouth - Mk 8:31-33
- Writes 2 books on patience, sobriety, virtue, and Jesus as our shepherd - 1 & 2 Peter

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Men Transformed by God's Grace

- The Apostle Paul
 - A Pharisee that persecuted Christians - Phil 3:5-6
 - Made chief steward of the gospel of grace - Gal 1:11-12


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Men Transformed by God's Grace

- Today
 - Pastor Kenny Morgan
 - Pastor Sam Miles
 - Alvaro Briones
 - Alex Allen
 - etc.

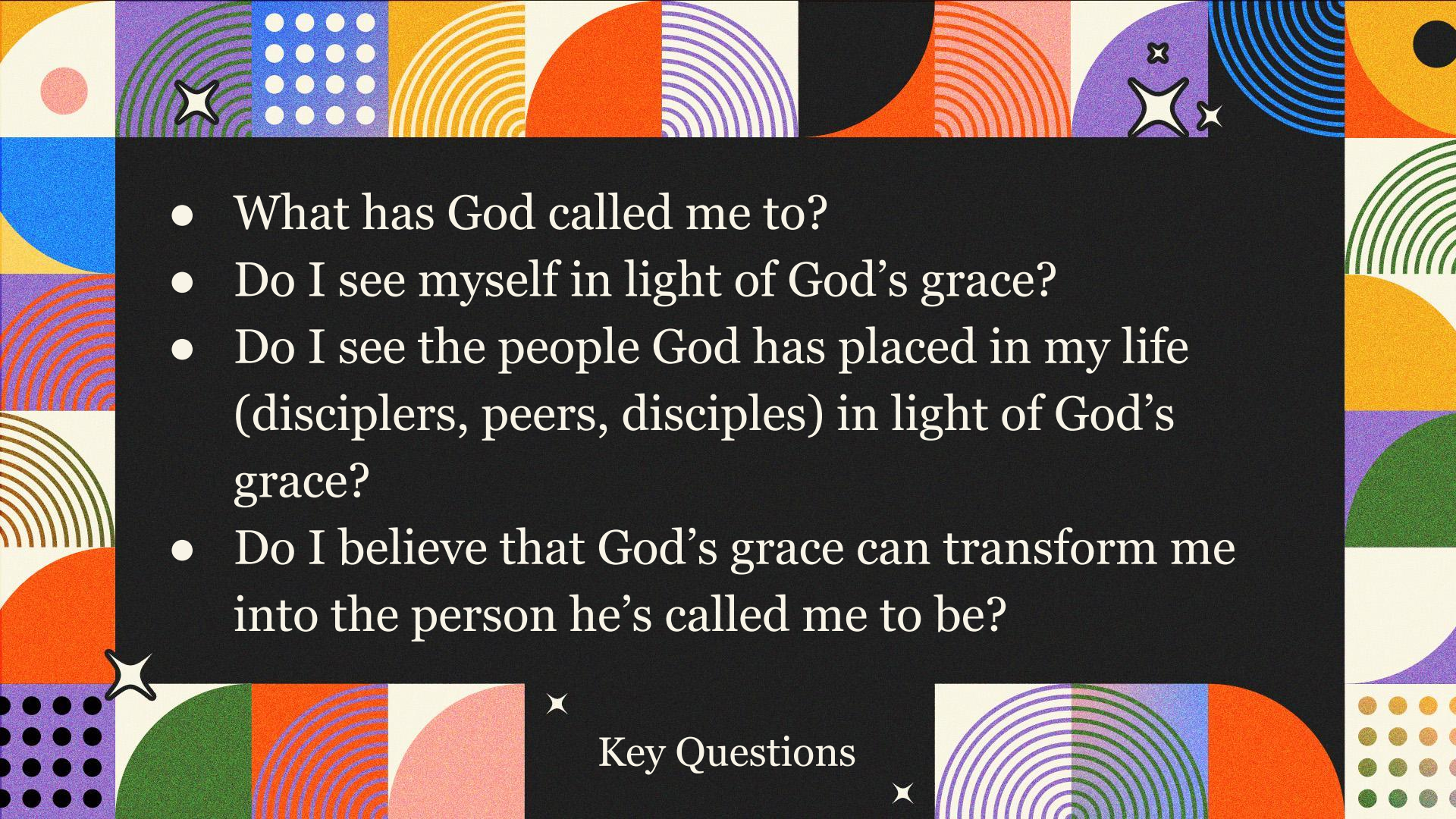
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transform me into the person
he's called me to be?

Rom 12:1-2

Key Question

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- What has God called me to?
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 - Do I see the people God has placed in my life (disciplers, peers, disciples) in light of God's grace?
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