

## 2010 Teen Summer Camp—The Four Freedoms of Grace—The Freedom to Make Mistakes

### **Introduction**

- The Grace Life is not like following a check list for spiritual perfection. Rather it is a life style. Being different, vulnerable, and candid is not something we do rather it should be what we are.
- *The fourth characteristic of the Grace Life is that it gives us the freedom to make mistakes.*
- We already talked on Tuesday night that we are going to make mistakes.
- Galatians 5—sometimes we chose to walk in the flesh and not in the spirit.
- Romans 5:20—when we sin we don't fall out of grace; rather, we fall into it. There is always enough grace to cover our faults.
- Ephesians 1:7—we already have the forgiveness of all our sins.
- Colossians 2:13—Grace demands that we actually walk by faith. God does not disown us or severe fellowship with us when we sin.

### **Should We Abuse Grace?**

- There is nothing in the realm of Grace that gives anyone the license to ignore God's standards.
- Romans 6:1-15—just because there is always enough grace to cover our sin does not mean that we should willfully sin and abuse grace.
  - Colossians 2:11—the circumcision made without separated your soul and spirit away from your sinful flesh. This is what Paul means when says that your old man has been put to death though our identification with Christ.
- Grace by its very definition implies that it can be abused or it would not be grace.

### **Why Do I Continue to Sin and How Can I Have Victory?**

- Romans 7:18-25—the law of sin is at work in our flesh.
  - Therefore all our flesh knows to do is sin.
  - The law of sin at work in our members is a natural law. Like the law of gravity which pulls all things down the law of sin pulls the believers flesh towards the only thing that it knows sin.

- How then does one overcome the force that the Law of sin has upon the life of the believer? How can we overcome the flesh programming we all have and the natural ability to gravitate towards attitudes and behaviors that are not pleasing to the Lord?
- Romans 8:1-4—the only way to overcome one natural law is with another.
  - Gravity a natural law can be overcome by Physical Laws of Aerodynamics and lift. These natural laws allow for the force of gravity to be overcome thus allow flight.
  - In like manner the law of sin can only be overcome by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
  - When we walk in the Spirit the righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in us. This is not accomplished by following the law because the law is not for us, rather it is accomplished by walking in the Spirit on the basis of Grace.

### **What Do I Do About My Past Failures?**

- Colossians 1:14—remember that all your sins have already been forgiven you in Jesus Christ
- Hebrews 12:1—lay aside the weight of your sin and run the race.
- Philippians 3:13-14—forget about your failures and press on. Don't let your past rob you of your future.
- **JUST GRACE IT**—by faith apply the grace of God and move on.