

GRACE AND THE RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

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"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." ACTS 20:24 ESV

G-R-A-C-E = ______

The grace of God is His ______toward us, also His ______.

Macedonia and the Grace of Giving [Acts 20:1-6]

After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. ... ACTS 20:1-6 ESV

Hold all your _____ loosely.

Our ______ is always God's ______.

... for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ... 2 COR. 8:1-4

Nobody is ever ______ to give generously!

Eutychus and Healing Grace [Acts 20:7-16]

And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ACTS 20:9; REVELATION 3:1-2

Ephesus and a Graceful Goodbye [Acts 20:17-38]

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:. ... I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ACTS 20:17-38 ESV

____ characterized Paul's ministry everywhere he went.

Take Home Applications

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