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Push to the Limits of Your Scoop of Grace

Session 5 — At Work with God

You explored Jesus' parable in which He teaches that faithfulness in His kingdom is spelled **RISK**. We're called to put our talents, resources, and efforts to work so that our lives produce a return — not just in the bottom line, but in eternal impact. That's what earns His "good and faithful servant" welcome when we meet Him.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. That is why it says: When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.

Ephesians 4:7-8 (NIV)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SCOOP OF GRACE

The real truth is that the talents, resources, and opportunities you have come from Him — and He has given you more than you may have realized. This passage pictures Jesus' ascension like a victorious general returning home, sharing his spoils with his army and city.

Following Jesus' victory over death, He ascended and gave gifts to each of His followers. The Greek word tells us He gave each of us a **measure — a scoop — of His grace**. That scoop allows you to show the world part of who Jesus is, making you a small working model of Him.

But I do concentrate on this: I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal — my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ.

Philippians 3:13-14 (Phillips)

None of us truly know the depths of the scoop of grace Jesus has given us. Even the Apostle Paul didn't know all the capacity God had invested in his life. Think of your gifts like a full scoop of coffee beans — we can end up using only a small fraction of what He has given us. Paul's response was to press in and press forward, stretching out to explore the depths of God's grace in and through his life.

Paul's Example — Press In and Press Forward

- Aggressively chase after all He has called you to — like a hunter pursuing prey

- Stretch yourself into new areas and greater maturity in which He has called you
- Forget past failures and frustrations — focus on where He is leading you

Your unique scoop of grace is not restricted to just one part of your life. If you are leaning in, your gifts will show up at home, in the marketplace, in social settings, and at church. The gifts God has put in you travel with you into your business and work relationships — the place where you spend more time than in any other activity.

PRESSING INTO YOUR SCOOP OF GRACE

- 1 Think about the impact you're already having — what would others say are the special ways you help, lead, or serve? How would they say you seem a little like Jesus?
- 2 Pay attention to areas of your work where you feel drawn or intrigued — that could be the Holy Spirit calling you to more deeply live out the grace Jesus has given you.
- 3 Take risks by trying new things in response to the Spirit's promptings — either with greater intention, or by trying something altogether new.

Next session: The Bible gets specific about the scoop of grace in your life and how it makes you a small working model of Jesus in the marketplace and the rest of your life.