



Hi, ladies!

It's September already! What a year this has been. I trust that you've been enjoying God and building relationships with each other. Remember, don't get so busy that you miss out on connecting with your sisters around you.

### **Setting the Stage with Worship**

This month, we are going to be learning more about GRACE! Here are a couple of songs along the theme of Grace that you can use in your worship time.

YOUR GRACE AMAZES ME, by Christy Nocels

[https://youtu.be/RpUP\\_O99U8A](https://youtu.be/RpUP_O99U8A)

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE), by Chris Tomlin

<https://youtu.be/HkAZteruVAw>

To help us delve into the vast subject of Grace, we want to show you a YouTube video from the 2015 Hillsong Conference in Australia. The video is only seven minutes long, but it gives such a nice overview of this message of Grace.

JOSEPH PRINCE – EXPERIENCE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH, 26 JUL 15

<https://youtu.be/wc5MiSU0vmA>

By the way, if you haven't done so already, we highly encourage you to pick up the book, **Grace Revolution**, from Joseph Prince. The full leadership team at VCC has been reading it, and it's been such a "Word in Season" for our body. I especially appreciate that he focuses so much on the centrality of Christ; JESUS is the focus of everything! [Note: the book is available at the VCC Book Shop or on Kindle, and it's even available in Afrikaans.]



### **Here are the Key Scriptures from the Video**

John 1:17, *“For the law was given through Moses, but GRACE AND TRUTH came through Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 8:38-39, *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 6:14, *“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”*

### **Some Additional Quotes from the Book, Grace Revolution**

#### INTRODUCTION

- “Grace is not a subject, and the grace revolution is not a movement. Grace is a person and His name is Jesus.” (pg viii)

#### CHAPTER 1

- “It is being under grace that gives you the power to live a victorious life.” (pg 15)
- “What willpower and self-effort cannot do, God will do by the power of His amazing grace.” (pg 17)

#### CHAPTER 2

- “Why is changing your mind important? Simply because right believing always leads to right living.” (pg 26)

#### CHAPTER 3

- “How they’ve perverted Who God really is—‘compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love’ (Psalm 103:8 NLT)! Don’t misunderstand me. God does have anger, but the Bible never defines God as wrath; it defines God as love (see 1 John 4:8, 16).” (pg 38)



- “To understand the total forgiveness of sins, we have to understand the value of the person Who sacrificed Himself on the cross for us. (Colossians 1:13-14)” (pg 52)

#### CHAPTER 4

- “Righteousness is not about right doing. Righteousness is about right believing.” (pg 56)

#### CHAPTER 5

- “When you understand the power of Jesus’ ever-cleansing blood, fear and depression give way to indescribable peace and joy.” (page 64)
- “...no true believer of Jesus is looking for an excuse to sin.” (page 70)
- “The way to be liberated from sin’s dominion is to come under grace.” (page 71)

### **Questions for discussion in your groups**

1. What does Grace mean to you?
2. Who is Jesus to you?
3. Why is it important to understand Grace as a Person?
4. How do you grow in Grace?
5. What is the difference between Grace and Mercy?
6. What is the difference between a head-knowledge of Grace and a heart-knowledge of Grace?
7. How does Grace keep you from future sin? (*hint: start at page 56 in the book*)
8. How can born-again believers who are trapped in a cycle of sin and living defeated lives finally overcome?



### **Additional Videos on Grace**

We realize that the subject of Grace is a BIG topic and you may have more questions than be answered in one meeting. Here is a list of additional videos from Joseph Prince that may help. We encourage you to go on a treasure hunt of your own to discover more about Jesus and what He's truly done for us!

A Savior Greater Than All Our Sins - 19 Jul 15 (15 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/ssoCAQ2T69k>

Grace Leads to True Repentance - 06 May 12 (7 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/TDgqUP2-FOW>

Does grace give people the license to sin? Jude 1:4 (16 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/5flqZ5sPSEg>

Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You, Romans 6:14 (12 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/l-DcZA8NO44>

Experience Victory Over Sexual Immorality (Full Sermon) 23-Aug-2015 (1:35 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/9Vx3AgKmlQE>

Happy hunting, girls! Love you so much!

*Edna and the Team*