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With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

*Acts 4:33*

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# Acts 11:19-26

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Χριστιανός (*Christianos*)

“A Christian, a follower of Christ”

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When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

*Acts 11:23*

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Grace is not a passive bestowal of divine favor but an active empowering to do God's will. Grace enables us to become children of God and empowers us to live as the children of God we have become.

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# 1. We Proclaim

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The book of Acts is essentially the story of evangelism in the first few decades of the church. The church was unified behind the goal of sharing Christ with the world.

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## 2. We Overcome

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Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 5:20b-21*

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Every sin we commit is not a sin of submission to a power that is stronger than us but submission to a power that is weaker than the Christ in us.

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### 3. We Sacrifice

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And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

*2 Corinthians 8:1-2*

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Grace is seen not through equal giving but equal sacrifice. God is not concerned with the numbers as much as He is concerned with the heart.

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