

*Brokenness: Experiencing God's Grace
in the Midst of Sin
1 Timothy 1:15-17
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Introduction

Experiencing the Depth of God's Grace

Problem: realize sin is dangerous.

1. I sin on occasion but it's no big deal.
2. I sin but it is not as bad as others.
3. I am not sure this is sin.

Solution: be honest about sin. 1 Timothy 1:15

Benefits: experience the depth of God's grace. 1 Tim. 1:16-17

1. Grace is for me. (16)
2. Grace flows through me. (16)
3. Grace prompts me to worship. (17)

Reminders to never give up. Romans 7:21-25

1. I am in a constant battle. (21-23)
2. I am not there yet. (24)
3. I cannot do it on my own. (25, 8:1)

1 Timothy 1:15-17

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 7:21-8:2

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.