



Overflow

Simple question: What affect does God's grace have in your life? Or asked a different way, how is your life different as a result of experiencing the grace of God? In this message, we will look at one specific impact that God's grace had on the early Christians and how this characteristic can and should be true of us, also.

Bottom Line: God's grace to us results in generosity through us.

Discussion Questions*

1. What characteristics do you value most in a church? What characteristic do you most appreciate about Journey?
2. Which of the "preferred future" statements from the beginning of the message resonated with you? Why? (JourneyRVA.com/messages/overflow)
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.** Locate the area of ancient Macedonia on a map (perhaps in the back of a Bible). The area of Macedonia was going through a difficult (severe) economic time of their own (v. 2). We generally associate "grace" with something good in our lives. How have you seen God's grace in difficult times in your life? (v. 1)
 - a. According to verse 2, what preceded their demonstration of "rich generosity"?
 - b. What is a source of "joy" in your life?
 - c. What do you believe was the source of the Macedonian's "overflowing joy"?
 - d. What would motivate a group of people to "urgently plead" to be able participate in an act of generosity?
 - e. In v. 7-8 are a list of things in which the church in Corinth excelled. If Paul were writing to you and to your church, what things do you believe would make his list?
4. Which comes first: the heart of generosity or the act of generosity?
5. Of the projects mentioned for our year-end generosity initiative, which are you most excited about? Why?
6. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you? How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.