

Bible Study Discussion

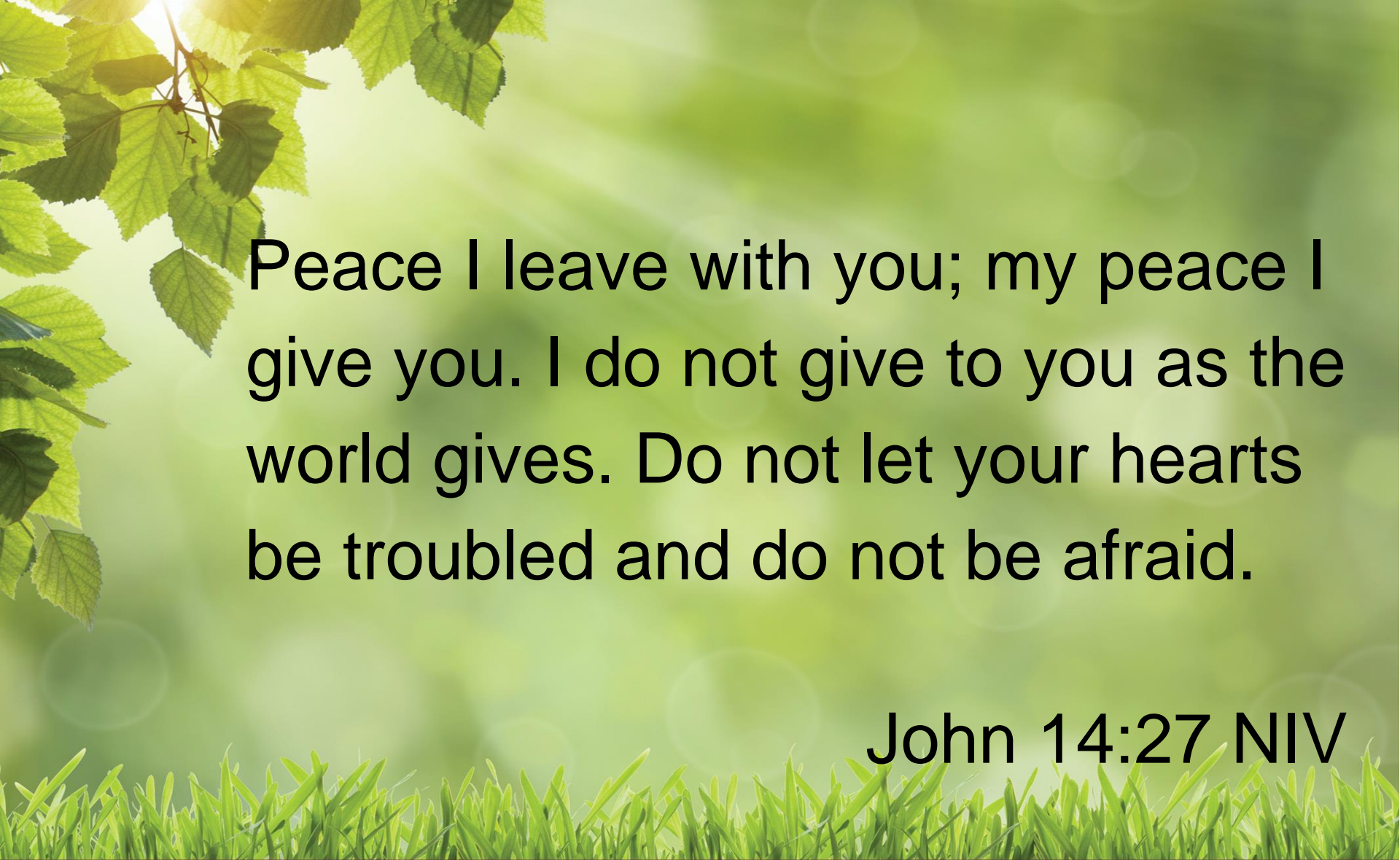
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Ephesians 2:1-13

Lesson 3



Gift of Grace



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 NIV

Memory Verse

Grace & Mercy

Grace is getting something you don't deserve.

Mercy is not getting something you really deserve.







Pre-Christian Past

**What made them
choose the wrong
path?**

**The World
The Flesh
The Devil**

- Death
- Sinfulness
- Bondage
- Separation From
God's Covenant
Promises to Israel
- Hopelessness

Christian Present and Future



- New People of God
- New Humanity
- Being Reconciled
- Eternal Life
- Hope
- Salvation
- Raised Up With Christ
- Seated With Christ
- Rescue
- Manifold Gifts


What prompted God to act on our behalf?

God's Character

1. God's rich mercy
2. God's great, generous, and unexpected love
3. God's immeasurable grace
4. God's kindness to us in Christ

Past



God's

Grace

Present & Future



The arrow is contingent on the grace of God
not the works or merit of humankind.

God's grace is free, unearned, and unmerited!

Good Works and Grace



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Our aim is to do good works not for the purpose of securing a reward but deeds done as a response to the gift of grace we've received.



**Formerly in Pre-Christian
days, the Gentiles lived in**

- **Hopelessness**
- **Alienation**
- **Ignorance**

**But Jesus' sacrifice and victory are for
ALL who believe!**

**Therefore, welcome the new era
characterized by Gentile and Jewish
believers sharing in the covenant of
fellowship with God.**

**Jewish and Gentile Believers
Reconciled Through Christ**

Key Passage

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Eph 2:8



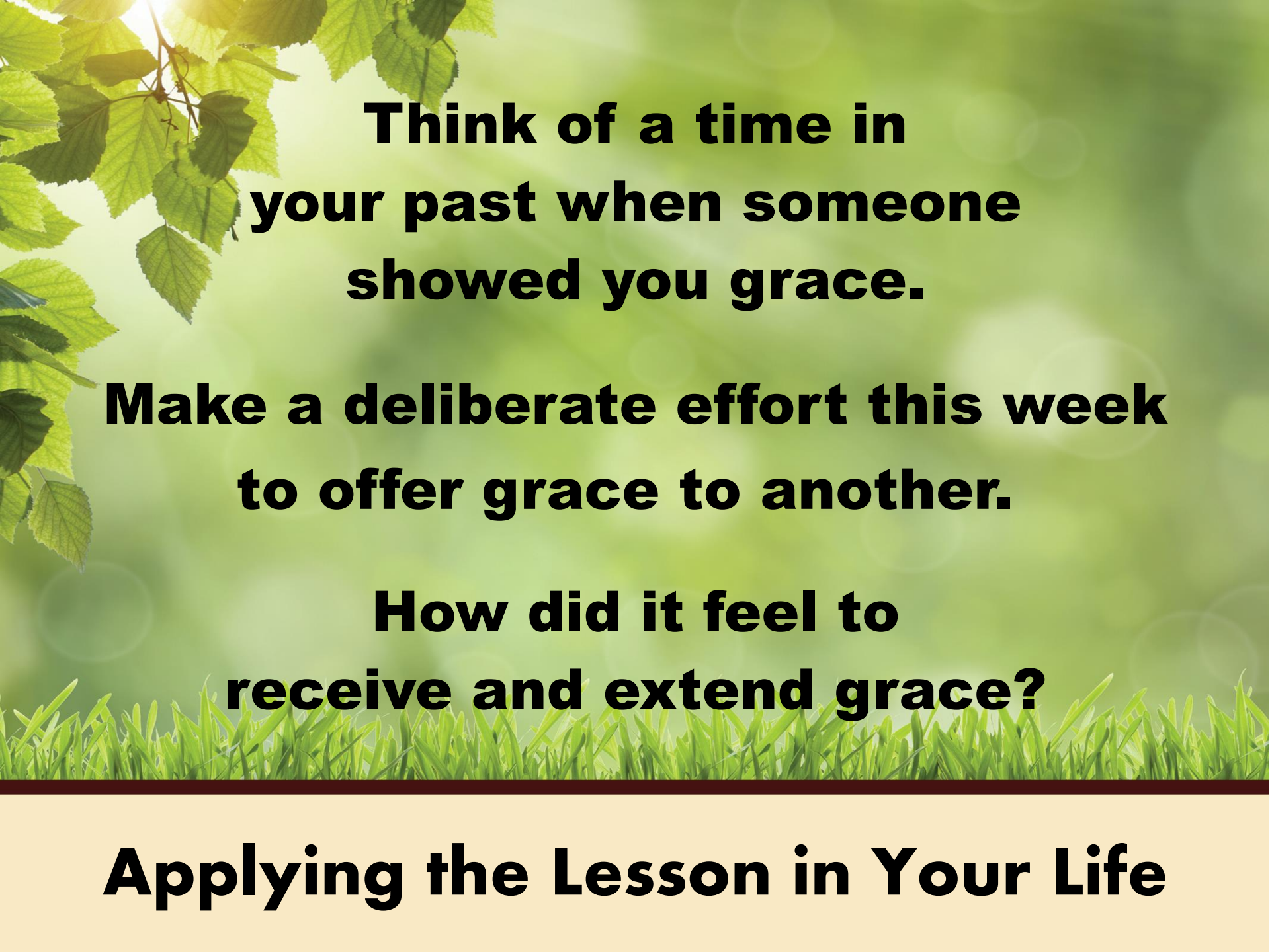
Grace is God initiated, God given, and God powered.



Faith is our response to God's generous gift of grace. Faith is the human response by which God's salvation is received.



“Your own doing” implies work done by human effort. Salvation is not based on human performance or on any effort to win God's approval. Grace is a gift. Therefore, the **credit and praise** goes to God! *Soli Deo Gloria!*



**Think of a time in
your past when someone
showed you grace.**

**Make a deliberate effort this week
to offer grace to another.**

**How did it feel to
receive and extend grace?**

Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Closing Prayer

