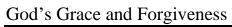
LoveWell Ministries Bible Study





I.	Take some time to invite the Holy Spirit in to guide your thoughts and feelings as you go through this Bible study. Ask the Lord to reveal how much He loves you and some specific times when you've received His grace and forgiveness. (Grace is the free and unearned/unmerited favor of God.)
II.	Find in Scripture an example of grace and forgiveness that speaks to you in your current life situation and circumstances. Consider the ways you see Jesus embody grace and truth, and how that relates to you. Think about how the apostles lived out grace as disciples of Christ. Maybe it's a verse or passage about grace and/or forgiveness that really speaks to you. Invite the Holy Spirit in to lead and guide you, and ask Him to reveal any lessons you might need to learn. In the space provided below, write about it:
	When it comes to grace and forgiveness, we all fall into one of two buckets. Either we are unsaved sinners who have yet to be "saved by grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8), or we have been saved by grace and are now saints who still struggle with sin. So, the experience of grace and forgiveness for those who believe looks something like this: Sinners → Grace, Forgiveness, and Salvation → Saints Who Sin → More Grace Because God is love, grace and forgiveness are part of His character. Jesus, being "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14), is the embodiment of grace and forgiveness. By living the perfect, sinless, and blameless life and dying for us on the cross, Jesus extended God's grace to us as a free gift that we can never earn but freely receive. When we receive grace, it is in us to suffice our every need, help us grow and learn in the things of God, strengthen us and give us courage, and offer us a part of God to steward and share with others.
	We were all sinners. Jesus took the consequences we deserve to satisfy God's wrath towards sin. By receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior, we are now saints (those who are being sanctified and have received salvation). Throughout Scripture, we are referred to and identified as saints. As saints, we have an ongoing call and responsibility when it comes to the grace we have received.
	As a believer who has been forgiven and saved by grace, what does it look like to steward that grace well?



IV. Read Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 4:7, & Acts 4:33 and answer the following questions: How is God's grace and forgiveness upon you and working in you?

How does this truth impact your life?

V. Read <u>Hebrews 13:9 & 2 Timothy 2:1</u> and answer the following questions:

What do these verses tell you about grace and forgiveness?	
How are grace and forgiveness a source of strength for you?	

VI. Read <u>2 Corinthians 9:8 & 2 Corinthians 12:7-9</u> and answer the following questions:

How	does God's grac	e and forgiven	ess sustain yo	u now as a disc	ciple (follower, stu	dent) of Jesus Ch	rist?



VII. Read <u>2 Corinthians 8:7-9 Corinthians 12:7-9</u> and answer the following question:

Read <u>Ephe</u>	sians 3:2&7, 1 Peter 4:10, & 2 Timothy 1:8-14 and answer the following question:

IX. Activity:

- Seek God and ask Him to reveal any areas where you need to extend grace and forgiveness to someone, and then take action.