## Changing the way you think at the throne of grace

- \* I remember when I received my first "real" acoustic guitar
- \* This was one of the first times I experienced grace
- \* Growing up, for some of us, we were not conditioned for unmerited favor....even at Christmas time
- \* And then when we grow up, we find way's...sometimes positive, sometimes negative ways, to complete us. It's a never ending treadmill

When we enter into a relationship with Jesus, GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING! It changes how we think....about each other, our world, and God. Here's some examples.....

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

## Ephesians 2:8-9

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 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 5:19-21

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Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

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"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

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"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

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For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

## Romans 11:33-36

Here's some snapshots of grace...

- \* The demon possessed man at the garasenes
- \* The woman at the well
- \* The woman caught in adultery
- \* Peter the denier
- \* Thomas the doubter
- \* PAUL!

In the words of one of my favorite songwriters....

"Grace makes beauty Out of ugly things Grace finds beauty In everything"

16 Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)