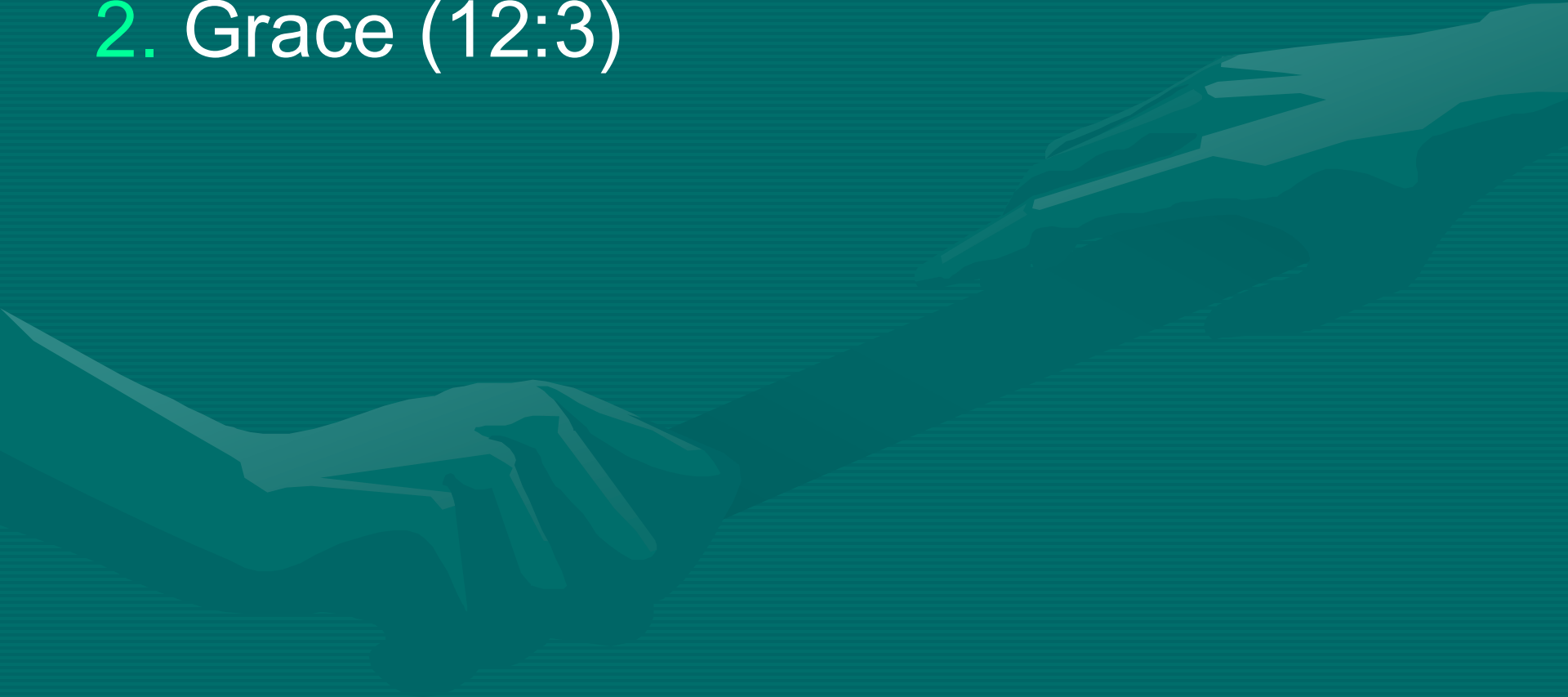


TWO DISCIPLESHIP WORDS

Romans 12:1-2

Context

1. Mercy (12:1)
2. Grace (12:3)



Connection

Romans 11:33-36

(God: transcendent & immanent)

THEREFORE

Romans 12:1-2

(You/me: Present your body as a living sacrifice)

Sacrifice = voluntary surrendering of something of value to benefit from something of greater value

Two discipleship words

1. Love: John 13:34-35

2. Different: Romans 12:2

God's plan is for His people to be different, separate and distinct from the world

- *Leviticus 20:26 You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own.*
- *Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount)*
- *1 Peter 1:16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."*

Choose to be different

- ❑ Conformed to culture
- ❑ Transformed to Christ-likeness

Some people are Christians in name only; happy to identify with, but no commitment

- *Problem in Bible times as well as today*
- *We need to cultivate a “healthy dissatisfaction” with our spiritual lives (Roms 8:5-8)*

Mind renewal (2)

❖ Mind (2), think (3), think (3)

Mind includes thoughts, will, emotions

- ✓ *Open your life to God's searching (Ps 139:23-24)*
- ✓ *Dwell on God's Word (Hebs 4:12)*
- ✓ *Beware of day-dreaming (2 Cor 10:5)*
- ✓ *Focus on right things (Phil 4:8)*

Does this make life boring?

John 8:36 So if the Son makes you free, then you are unquestionably free.

All things are permissible...

1 Corinthians 6:12 Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is helpful. Everything is permissible for me, but I will not be brought under the control of anything.

1 Corinthians 10:23 Everything is permissible," but not everything is helpful. "Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up.

What this means?

All things are permissible... but ...

- ☐ I will not engage in things that are unhelpful/hurt
- ☐ I will not subject myself to anything that is addictive
- ☐ I will not engage in anything that doesn't build up , ie is destructive

Discipleship

Love

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Difference

