

# GOD'S PROVISION FOR REVIVAL

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## Grace: God's Provision for Revival

Two very different men: **Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)** - <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!’ <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ <sup>13</sup>“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

- One stood alone because he was isolated by his **pride**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*
- Another stood alone because he was isolated by his **shame**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*
- We stand together when united by God’s **grace**! *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

God's grace...

**G = Gives** me what I don't deserve. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)** - <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

**R = Releases** me from condemnation. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**Romans 8:1 (NLT)** - So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

**A = Accepts** me where I am. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**Romans 15:7 (NLT)** - Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

**C = Creates** the capacity for victory. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)** - And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)** - The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

**Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)** - <sup>15</sup> This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

**E = Extends** strength for hardship. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NLT)** - <sup>8</sup> Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. <sup>9</sup> Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in

weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

**1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)** - In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.