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What does grace have to do with marriage?

“Without (grace), we’re in trouble, because most marriages don’t struggle from a lack of love; they struggle from a lack of grace.”

"Grace is the eternal and absolute free favor of God, manifested in the vouchsafement of spiritual and eternal blessings to the guilty and the unworthy."

**Grace is desiring the
best for your spouse,
even when they may
not deserve it.**

Ezekiel 18:20

The person who sins is the one who will die.

Romans 3:23

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GRACE IS FREE

Romans 3:23-24

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Ephesians 2:8-9

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

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**That's what
grace is: God's
free gift to us.**

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRACE IS FREE

Asking for God's free gift of forgiveness is an admission of guilt.

Asking for God's free gift of forgiveness is an admission of helplessness.

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Romans 11:6

And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

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You'll never be able to do anything to deserve God's forgiveness, but you can receive it.

GRACE IS BIG

Romans 3:22-24

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John 1:29

“Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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Matthew 18:21

Then Peter came to him and asked,
“Lord, how often should I forgive
someone who sins against me? Seven
times?”

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Matthew 18:22

“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

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Luke 17:4

Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.

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He expects us to forgive again and again because He forgives us again and again—as many times as are necessary.

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**His grace is big enough
to see us through, even
though we may fall
along the way.**

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Efficacious: "having the power to produce the desired effect."

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Romans 3:31

Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.

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Romans 6:14

Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

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God's grace is
like corrective
surgery.

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Romans 6:1

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

GRACE IS STRONG

God's grace is strong. It has the power to change us. And it will.

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No amount of effort will result in lasting change in your relationship.

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Regardless of whom you marry and how much you share in common going in, that person is not who you're married to five years later.

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Satisfaction only comes when we have grace to adjust to all the ins and outs of change that life brings our way.

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GRACE IS FLEXIBLE

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The conditions we create for our love – and our responses to the hits from life- will determine whether our love thrives.

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**The goal of grace is always
the other person... and their
best interests.**

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The simple fact is, you can get all the biblical principles of marriage right and still miss the greater point of marriage by light-years.

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The biblical principles of marriage assume a context of God's overarching grace.

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**Grace is what we need to
create the marriage we've
always longed for.**

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