

FOLLOWING JESUS:

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GRACE

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The powerful and transformative nature of God's Word, exposes our innermost thoughts and desires, revealing the truth about who we are. Despite our fears of being exposed, God invites us to approach Him boldly, offering us mercy and grace in our weakness. Jesus' vulnerability serves as an example, showing that true freedom comes from being real and open with God. God's grace not only exposes our brokenness but also invites healing, transforming our weaknesses into sources of strength. Ultimately, the sermon emphasizes that God's grace makes us "real," free from the need to hide, defend, or excuse ourselves.

1. How does the Word of God expose our innermost thoughts and desires, and how can we approach this exposure with courage?
2. Why do we, as human beings, fear being exposed, and how does God's grace help us overcome this fear?
3. What does it mean to come boldly to the throne of God with nothing to offer, and how does this lead to freedom?
4. How does Jesus' vulnerability serve as an example for us, and what does it teach us about being real in our relationships with God and others?
5. What does the healing power of God's grace look like in our lives, and how can our weaknesses become a source of strength through His grace?