

2 Steps Forward...

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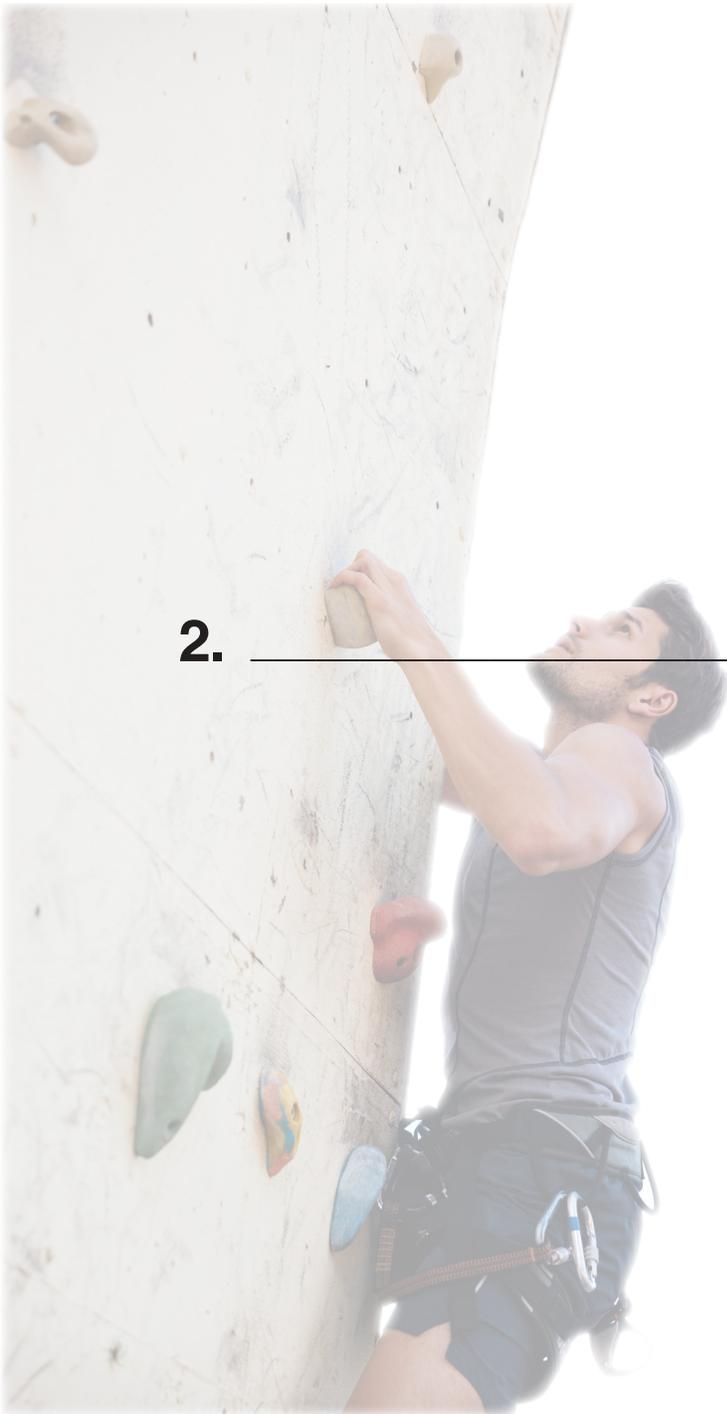
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vv. 2:20-23

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vv. 3:1-3



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 2:20-23. In what way was Paul essentially dealing with spiritual abuse?
- What was the root cause? (Hint: "human precepts") Why is this an important distinction to make?
- How can Point #1 apply to many Christian practices today? Give an example. How does it impact you?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 3:1-4. What was Paul implying by using words like "seeking", "set your minds on"?
- What is implied about being intentional? How does this ultimately relate to the Gospel of grace?
- Why will Point #2 keep grace in place? Be specific. How specifically will you step into Point #2 this week?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 2:20-22, Galatians 2:18-3:1, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 2:15, Romans 3:23-24

- Explain how Christians are spiritually set free from the law. (i.e., death and resurrection)
- In what way does this relate to God's grace? What does this imply about legalism? Be specific.
- Why is this important to recognize? What are some ways you have seen this happen today? What is the answer?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 2:20-23, Isaiah 29:13, Romans 1:21-22, 12:16

- What three regulations did Paul present as being "human precepts" (i.e., traditions) in Colossians 2:21?
- Why would they have seemed spiritually wise? How can they actually have the opposite effect?
- What does this teach you about Christian traditions? What are some areas you may need to adjust?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 2:20-23, 1 Corinthians 8:1-33, 1 Peter 5:5

- How was Paul's discussion in Colossians 2 and 1 Corinthians 8 dealing with similar topics? How were they different?
- In what way do you see this playing out in Christianity today? Give an example.
- Take some time to pray about this topic, asking God to show how you may have lost sight of His grace.

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 3:1-2, 2:11-13, Romans 10:5-15, 1 Peter 1:13

- Describe what Paul meant by seeking and setting your mind on "things above". Be specific.
- How does this ultimately relate to the Gospel of grace? What do Christians need to be intentional with this?
- How intentional have you been to promote grace? What practical steps will you take this week?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 3:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:9-11, Acts 26:1-32

- In what way was Paul's life continuously focused on "things above". Give an example.
- How did he use his conversion story to promote grace? Why is this important for every Christian to do?
- Briefly write out your personal testimony. How is God's grace on display? How can you share this today?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 3:1-4, Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 John 3:2

- What promise is Paul referring to in Colossians 3:3-4? In what way does God's grace provide this promise?
- How can this perspective prevent legalism from taking root? Be specific.
- What does this imply about promoting grace? How does this encourage you today?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-2