

Positioned for Great Grace

Good morning friends... I pray each of you has a rich day that overflows with much joy and gladness. As I was digging into the precious word of God this morning, this phrase, "And great grace was upon them all..." (Acts 4:33), stood out to me. And I wanted to take a little time, throughout the day, and share with you some things I gleaned about this great grace. The word great is often used to describe something as big, mighty, or even mega... So that's how I want to look at this unique time when God granted His servants "mega grace." And because the Scriptures identify it as something "mega" in comparison to the normal aspect of sufficient grace I think it's worth paying attention to. I believe two things about this outpouring of mega grace: **1** It is obvious that this was what God wanted to do... they had mega power and mega grace upon them. This, no doubt, was the work of God upon them and was given by His will. **2** They, the disciples, were in a position or I should say, positioned themselves to QUALIFY for this unleashing of mighty power and mighty grace.

Like a piano... a piano that's out of tune would not qualify to be used by a concert pianist. Even though it may be the piano of choice... no wise pianist would choose to display their gift through an out-of-tune instrument. That same piano of choice would have to be tuned before it could be used for such a special occasion.

These humble servants were obviously in tune with their Creator and King... and He chose to grant them great grace. I need this great grace, I want this mega grace... How about you?

"Qualifiers... that Make Us Candidates for Mega Grace." Ultimately mega grace is given at the mercy of God to accomplish His purpose and to publish His praise. There is no guarantee He will give it. But, as I illustrated with a piano being out of tune, the same applies to us as disciples... if we're not positioned for it, it's highly unlikely we'll embrace or experience God's mega grace. So, in the context of Acts 4, we can peek behind the curtain and watch how the disciples were prepared for this wondrous work of great grace in their day. The first thing I noticed is:

1 Their Connection: 👉 To Christ 👉 To Christ's Crucifixion 👉 To Christ's Body
You can't help but see their unashamed connection to Jesus... which only comes as a result of them LIVING the crucified life with boldness and the richest of blessings. They were persecuted for serving and standing up for Jesus and lovingly proclaiming His grace and truth with those in their path. And they were intimately connected to His body, the church. The bumps on the journey, like the threats and jail time, were just part of the road they would now travel, with other pilgrims on the same journey, in this world. Don't let the rough road you're traveling manipulate your thinking and

obscure the precious value of being intimately connected to a local body of believers. It's impossible to be disconnected and out of fellowship with the people of God and be connected or abiding in Christ at the same time... to abide or be in fellowship with Christ is to abide and be in fellowship with His body of believers. Rough roads are part of the journey that every disciple must travel... it's on this road, of the crucified life, that the life of Christ is transferred from one pilgrim to another. (2 Corinthians 4:7-12)

I believe it was these connections that helped place them in a position to be candidates for God's mega grace. There's much more that could be shared about each of these connections. And I encourage you to dig a little deeper in Acts 4 and see...

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