

## Living With Uncommon Sense in a Senseless World

In Jesus Christ, the Creator comes in person to recreate human persons. The Divine One became human flesh. In this uncommon connection, we see one "full of grace and truth" (Jo 1:14). One Who always "does" what God "says". When we believe into Him, we receive "His fullness" (Jo 1:16). And now, the fullness of His Life "may be manifested in our mortal flesh" (II Cor 4:11). All the grace and truth that God has worked into us may be "worked out" (Phil 2:12-13) - we may "conduct ourselves in grace" (II Cor 1:12) and "take every thought captive " to truth (II Cor 10:5). This is how we learn to live with uncommon (holy!) sense in a senseless world.

We manifest grace - God's activity - by faith as we abide in Christ and abandon to His free supply. Realizing the provision God has made for us (II Pet 1:3,4), we begin to believe and come to know that all our needs are met in the gift of His Life. Then we may start looking out for the needs of others - freely giving away what we have freely received (Matt 10:8). Being and doing for others what God is and does for us, rivers of grace find their escape, their release through us (Jo 7:38). Uncommon kindness and compassion (Ro 2:4; Mk 1:41)... how rare is that today? Uncommon edification and encouragement (Ro 12:14; II Cor 12:19; 13:10; Eph 4:19)... how scarce is that in our world? Uncommon service and generosity (Mk 10:45; II Cor 9:6-15; 8:5)... how frequently do you run into that in a self-centered culture? Grace takes away all of our fictitious excuses for self-service which quench the uncommon flow of His Life through us.

We manifest truth - God's "say so" -by faith as we abide in and abandon to His revelation of reality. As we tune into listening for God in the "all things" of life (Eph 5:20) we learn that "below the line" questions have "above the line" answers. As God becomes our Editor-in-Chief, we become more and more divested of "not God". Truth Himself goes to work, setting us free to be uncommon expressions of His character (Ga 5:22-23). We will grow in uncommon deliverance and purity (Ja 1:21-25). We will "grow up" with an uncommon maturity and stability (I Cor 5:58; Eph 4:14-16; II Pet 1:10-12; I Jo 2:12-14). We will grow into someone with uncommon discernment and judgment (Jo 3:21; 7:17,24; Phil 1:9-11). If grace rids us of our fictitious excuses for self service, truth rids us of our fictitious stories about the facts of our life. Full of grace and full of truth, we are being set free to become uncommon manifestations of the One Who is our Source and our Supply. Would that we might become so accustomed, so conditioned, so habituated by the fullness of grace and truth... that it would be unnatural not to live with such uncommon sense!

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# Greetings

I know the rhythms of life (below the line) are not what they used to be. Weather is less predictable than ever. Seasons no longer seem to follow seasonal patterns. Weekend pace is not much different from weekday pace. Day and night aren't all that different in our constantly and artificially lit world (Remember when the television actually went off ... stopped broadcasting(!)... at night?) Rush hour seems to be all day long now. Meal times are no longer meal times - grab what you can, when you can; munch and graze in isolation.

It's a good thing for the children of God that the rhythms of grace and truth remain the same. Holy constants that do not "move" -they never rise and fall, never adapt to human demands, never change to suit the times, never get in a hurry, and are never exhausted. And to think, the One full of grace and truth came to us in Person to invite us to be at home in His unchanging rhythms. Oh, there is "an appointed time for everything" -a season for every eternal purpose "under heaven" (Ecc 3:1). And for sure, He makes "everything appropriately beautiful in its (His!) time" (Ecc 3:11). But with "eternity (the Eternal One!) in our hearts", we have a steady supply of His grace and His truth for "every event under heaven."

We have an "anchor for our soul" (Heb 6:19)... a passion for what is possible in the One Who is "both certain and steadfast" -Jesus Christ the Lord. As the Lord of every changing season in our lives, His unchanging supply of grace and truth will never fail. We find all our rhythms for the changeable times and seasons of life in the unchanging One Who never leaves or forsakes us (Heb 13:5).

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13  
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### JULY

14-16

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7-10


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 To increasingly manifest His grace and truth

 For those in the stormy seasons of life

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