

Reckless Part 3  
*Position, Power, and Purpose*

**Romans 5:1-2 (NKJV)**—Therefore, having been **justified** by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have **access** by faith into this **grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- Grace is more than a **one-time** gift from God that gives me access to heaven after I die.

Grace is God's desire, His willingness to work on your behalf—NOW.

- Grace doesn't just give me full access to heaven; it gives me full access to God—**SON**.

**John 1:11-12 (NKJV)** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, to those who believe in His name:

**Galatians 3:26, 29; 4:4-7 (NKJV)**—For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed (part of God's family), and heirs according to the promise.

**Galatians 4:4-7 (NKJV)**—God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption as sons**. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the **Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**Romans 8:29 (NKJV)**—For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living (**we've all made mistakes and poor choices**). <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be **in need**. <sup>15</sup> So he went and **hired himself** out to a **citizen of that country**, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He **longed** to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "**When he came to his senses**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

**"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.** <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! **Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.** <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

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### The Robe—Position

The robe represents the honor of the father and the reinstating of the son.

**Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)**—We are all like an unclean thing. All our righteousness is like filthy rags;

**2 Corinthians 5:21(NKJV)**—For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The robe tells the son and everyone else that his **position** as a son was restored.

### The Ring—Power

The ring represents the delegation of authority. The father is saying, “All that I have is yours.”

**Genesis 41:37-44 (NLT)**<sup>40</sup> You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.”<sup>41</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.”<sup>42</sup> **Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and placed it on Joseph’s finger.** He dressed him in fine linen clothing and hung a gold chain around his neck.<sup>43</sup> Then he had Joseph ride in the chariot reserved for his second-in-command. And wherever Joseph went, the command was shouted, “Kneel down!” So Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt.<sup>44</sup> And Pharaoh said to him, “I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot in the entire land of Egypt without your approval.”

As a child of God, we not only have **access** to the manifold grace of God, we have a **right** to the manifold grace of God—God wants His grace to impact our lives.

**2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)**—His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the <sup>[a]</sup>corruption that is in the world through lust.

### The Sandals—Purpose

Servants did not wear shoes—shoes were reserved for those in the family.

- Shoes are for movement, motion, travel, for going somewhere.

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)**—And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

Forgiveness would be empty without restoration to the privileges forfeited by sin.

- God placed a **robe** on you, *showing you and everyone else that you are a son.*
- God placed a **ring** on your finger, *giving you the authority and right to access all that God has.*
- God placed **shoes** on your feet, *affirming your assignment.*

Your **position** gives you access to **power**, and power enables you to accomplish your **purpose**.