



## **Raising Virtuous Children**

### **What If I'm Not Up to the Task?**

#### **Small Group Questions**

1. Discuss what "Grace Lived Out" means to you.
2. Have you ever felt inadequate as a mom but God gave you the grace you needed? Explain.
3. What are some ways we can model God's grace to our children?
4. Do you lean more towards fear-based or grace-based parenting? Discuss your thoughts about this.
5. What changes will you make to your parenting as a result of hearing this message?

#### **Today's Verses**

##### **1 Corinthians 15:10:**

"By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder [that was the effect of grace] than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

##### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

##### **Luke 18:9-14**

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income. But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

##### **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.