

The logo features the words "LIVE" and "DIFFERENTLY" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. "LIVE" is positioned above "DIFFERENTLY". The letters are set against a background of a purple and blue circular pattern that resembles a globe or a stylized eye. The text has a slight drop shadow, making it stand out from the background.

Third Sunday of Lent - Live Differently

“The Grace In Which We Stand”

Romans 5:1-11

LIVING DIFFERENTLY MEANS BEING GROUNDED IN GRACE AND LIFTED TOWARD HOPE

Third Sunday of the Season of Lent - a word that is connected to “40”

The Counter-Cultural Calling of Christ—What keeps us from becoming fully alive? What is the true cost of discipleship in our current culture? How do we live differently so that others might be drawn to Jesus?

Today we’re going to be exploring how living differently is possible because of grace—the kind that leads to peace and ultimately hope.

What Does Grace Look Like? How Do You Know What It Is?

*How we usually define grace—free, unmerited favor from God
But what if it’s more than that? What if grace is deeper than we ever imagined?*

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Romans 5:1-11

- Paul’s Epistle to the Romans—a brief background*
- This passage speaks to a new reality because of the work of Jesus*
- The key words: “The grace in which we stand...” All-encompassing*
- “Glory in suffering...” because of what it leads us to, teaches us*
- Paul makes a case for living differently that is grounded in grace.*
- Grace is wider than we think—before we are aware of it, it’s upon us.*

When we choose to live differently in order to follow Jesus, we discover that grace is not only the means by which we follow but also the very way we follow. It’s everywhere.

HOW DO WE LIVE DIFFERENTLY WHEN WE’RE GROUNDED IN GRACE?

- We live differently when we open our eyes to see.*
- We live differently when we open our ears to hear.*
- We live differently when we open our hearts to hope.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent
Walter Brueggeman

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter
Rowan Williams

The Art of Lent: A Painting A Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter
Sister Wendy Beckett

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