

Title: Amazing grace
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Zechariah 3:1-7 NIV

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ² The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." ⁵ Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by. ⁶ The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: ⁷ "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.'

a: Eyes of grace

Hebrews 11:32-34 NIV

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Gideon:

- feared his own limitations would prevent / limit God
- produced ephod from Midianite gold
- produced wicked Abimelech from concubine
- failed to establish the nation in righteousness beyond his death

Barak:

- marked by cowardice and hesitation
- obtained victory by two housewives

Judges 4:8-9 NKJV

⁸ And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!" ⁹ So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Jephthah:

- rejection sensitive
- victim mentality
- a rude and petty dictator
- bitter and unforgiving

Judges 11:1, 29a NKJV

¹ Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah.

²⁹ Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah...

Samson:

- reckless, irresponsible

- insubordinate, disrespectful
- proud, presumptuous
- lustful

David:

- betrayer
- adulterer
- murderer
- failure as father and as leader

Acts 13:22 AMP

²² And when He had deposed him, He raised up David to be their king; of him He bore witness and said, I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart, who will do all My will and carry out My program fully.

b: Heart of grace

Romans 8:36 AMP

³⁶ Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded and counted as sheep for the slaughter.

c: Words of grace

Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Zechariah 3:7 NKJV

⁷ Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here.