

**Title:** Amazing grace  
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### **Zechariah 3:1-7 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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?" <sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: <sup>7</sup> "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**

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> 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**

<sup>8</sup> 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!" <sup>9</sup> 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**

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

<sup>29</sup> 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**

<sup>22</sup> 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**

<sup>36</sup> 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**

<sup>29</sup> 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**

<sup>7</sup> 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.