

## THE GOSPEL EIGHT



The Gospel Eight has become my "go to" discipleship tool. The clarity and simplicity has been life-giving to me and those I've shared it with.

KRISTIN, INDIANA

*Craving Grace* put my idolatry struggle in words and I no longer feel alone. I cannot think of a more important message that needs to reach the heart of every woman.

CATHERINE, ORLANDO

This is one of the most incredibly faithful, creative and accessible books on God's grace I've ever read. *Craving Grace* is a veritable show-and-tell of God's commitment to do for us in Jesus what we could never do for ourselves.

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

*Craving Grace: Experience the Richness of the Gospel*

Are you stuck? Craving something but don't know what? We all need to be reminded of the gospel, the real gospel that brings freedom and life and hope- a gospel that is worth celebrating and sharing! This book will empower you to move from a cycle of resistance, separation, and loneliness to a life of restoration and freedom.

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## THE GOSPEL EIGHT DIAGRAM

### TOP CIRCLE

The Gospel Eight Diagram illustrates how my heart often responds to the gospel. The top circle reflects the ideal of a believer's relationship with God.



**As His child**, my identity is based on who He is and what He's done for me (Gal 4:4-7).



But even as His child, I fail miserably. Like a mirror, the **Holy Spirit** exposes my unbelief and makes me aware of my sin (Rom 3:20).



**The intersection** is where we decide what we will do. How will I respond to my sin? I can repent and run to the cross, or, I can resist and turn away from the cross (Is. 30:15).



In repentance, I find full forgiveness and **restored relationship** with God (Col.1:22).

The top circle represents the Cycle of Faith — a repetitive cycle of repenting and believing, repenting and believing.

This is preaching the gospel to yourself.

### BOTTOM CIRCLE

If only it were this easy! My heart is easily derailed.

Too often I resist the gift of repentance and instead choose the path of false repentance (the bottom circle).



I try to **"manage my sin."** I may blame-shift, beat myself up, deny my sin, minimize my sin, or try to "fix it." This takes me farther away from God and the experience of His Grace (Gal.3:3-5).



Unlike my identity in Christ, when I live as an **orphan** I am defined by my pain, my past, and my circumstances. Life as a spiritual orphan robs me of hope, freedom, and joy. And it's fueled by the lies that I believe (Rom. 8:15-16)

These lies lead me to reject Christ's righteousness and strive to establish my own (Rom. 10:3).



I prop myself up with anything that gives me value and acceptance. The Bible calls these things **idols**. This may work for a while, but idols all disappoint in the end. Once again, God makes me aware of my sin and need for a Savior (Rom.1:25).



Now I face the same **choice**. I can run to the cross and be restored, or resist the cross, manage my sin, and rely on my idols to satisfy me. Why not rest in and remember the completed work Jesus has done on my behalf (Rom. 5:1-2)?

The arrows on the diagram remind us that no matter where we are or where we have been, God's grace is always pursuing us and drawing us back to Him. The solution to our despair, for the both the believer and unbeliever is the same: run to Jesus



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