

CARRY IT FORWARD

John 8:31-36

A message about _____

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To be _____ in Him

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Hopefully the message today will be delightfully uncomplicated. Grace. Gratitude. Freedom. The Reformation at its heart was centered on this. And through the years, we have sometimes dropped the grace. Sometimes we have ignored gratitude. Sometimes we have been bound instead of free. And yet in those sometimes, *all the time* Jesus continues to invite us to carry him forward into the world. He is good.

Read Romans 5.

Reflect:

Just reflect on Romans 5. Reflect on what Paul is trying to communicate to you. Where do you see hope? Where do you see God coming in power with His grace?

Find a section of Romans 5 – a few verses, a verse, a word, an image and spend some time meditating upon it. For example, in v. 5 – “love has been poured out” through the Holy Spirit into our hearts. What does that image make you think of? How does God continue to pour his love into your heart? How is that love expressed? Picture yourself being *filled* by the Spirit of God. Find another spot and practice meditating on the word.

Respond:

Gratitude is not a law – that is, something we *must do* – but it is an *appropriate* response to God’s grace, and something keeps us grounded in the grace of God for us. How do you experience gratitude?

Remember: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom. 5:8b