

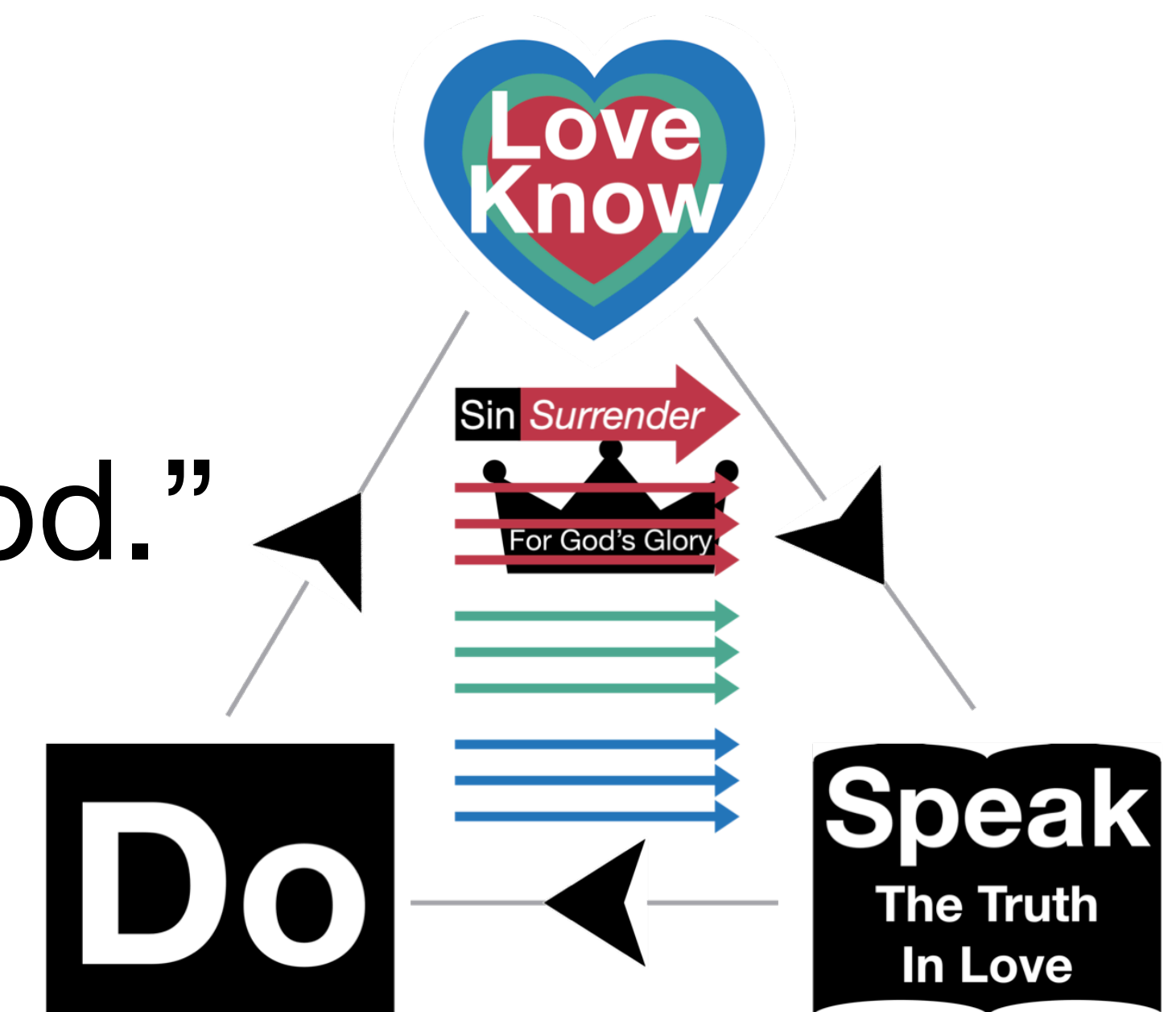
This Grace
Was Given
Eph. 3:8-13

Walk as
Children 5:8
of Light

The riches of “His grace” keeps the “do” in its place.

Look at the outside angles of the triangle.

1. The “do” comes from the “truth.”
2. The “truth” comes from the “love of God.”



Look inside the triangle.

3. We exist “for God’s glory” so we “do” “for God’s glory.”
4. Understanding what God has done for us in “the gospel story” of “His grace” is the fuel and drive for us to “do.”

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For God so loved the world.
Go make disciples of all nations.

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2. This grace is about the unfathomable riches of Christ.

Unfathomable: incapable of being fully explored or understood
Also used in Romans 11:33

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Exemplified

Lord of All

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3. This grace shines the light on The King of kings
(through the church people because He is in them).

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ... **1:20** which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

2:6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ... **3:10** so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

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5. By grace, be encouraged to carry out the purposes of God even in suffering.

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Don't “do” without “His grace!”

Desired Outcome 1

Sin Surrender
Lost Saved

How can a person be right with God?
Salvation is made possible by grace through faith.
I am a child of The King, His servant for His glory. 

Desired Outcome 2

What does Progressive Sanctification look like?

Newness of Life >>> Resurrection Power >>> Victory in Jesus >>>

Embodying, through grace, the priorities of a disciple & passing them along in relationship for God's glory.

Sin Surrender

FOLLOWING Christ

Surrendering: I submit myself fully in loving service to The King 

Being My Own Boss Back and Forth Living in Obedience to God's Will

Abiding: I apply the **word** to life until it becomes a lifestyle

Conformed to the Pattern of this World Transformed by the Word of God

Worshipping: I **do everything for the glory of God** 

Doing What Is Right In My Own Eyes Exalting God in my Daily Life

MATURING as Members in the BODY of Christ

Gathering: I give myself to others in relationship as Christ's body 

Isolated Present but Not Engaged United

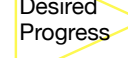
Equipping: I make disciples with the life God has given me 

Unproductive/Little Impact on Others Willing to Learn Faithful to Spiritually Parent

Loving: I serve, care for & encourage my **brothers & sisters in Christ**

Self-Love Conditional Love Sacrificial Love


MULTIPLYING Generations of disciples of Christ

Living Sent: I see lostness daily & among unreached people groups 

Unaware of People Around You Spiritually Burdened to Move to People in Love

Inviting Along: I initiate intentional relationships & conversations

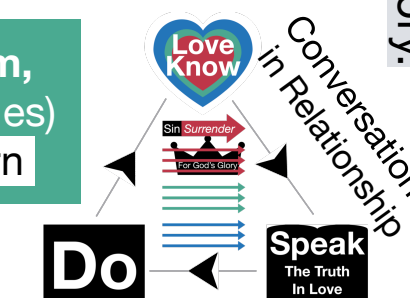
Ignore/Uncaring Surface Asking Questions Honest/Open/Transparent

Proclaiming Christ: I prepare myself as a **witness** to all people 

Fearful/Unprepared to Witness Awkward/Forced Frequent Natural Conversations about Christ

COULD YOU... 1) **Come Alongside Someone to Befriend Them,**
2) **Share Some Scripture, (Ask Some Questions, Tell Some Stories)**
3) **Encourage Application?** Experience/Practice the Pattern

Desired Outcome 3



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