



## GRACE IN ACTION

ROMANS 14:1-12 \* OCTOBER 15, 2023

### NAVIGATING DISPUTABLE MATTERS

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The core issue = \_\_\_\_\_;  
"Who are you to review the job performance  
of \_\_\_\_\_ employee?"

When it comes to morally neutral matters, only  
God has the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_  
to evaluate the deeds of another believer.

### GRACE IN OUR DISAGREEMENTS

- ① A life that embraces grace begins with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- ② A life that embraces grace requires me to  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be who God wants  
them to be.

- ③ A life that embraces grace \_\_\_\_\_ me to  
become the judge of another.

#### I AM AN INSUFFICIENT JUDGE

- I am not \_\_\_\_\_; I simply cannot know  
\_\_\_\_\_ the facts.
- I cannot be perfectly \_\_\_\_\_; I am \_\_\_\_\_,  
I am \_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_.
- I can condemn, but I cannot \_\_\_\_\_; when  
God confronts sin, He also \_\_\_\_\_ a means of  
redemption.

- ④ A life that embraces grace calls me to forfeit my  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the faith of another.

#### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. When were you judged unfairly? How did it make you feel? How did this affect your relationship with the person who judged you?
2. Read Romans 14:1-12. What were some of the areas of dispute between the "weak" and the "strong" (although Paul doesn't use this term until Romans 15:1) in this passage? What types of behavior do Christians disagree about today?
3. What does it mean to do everything "to the Lord" (verse 4)? What does such a commitment demand of the believer?
4. Why is it difficult to suppress our own point of view in order to help those who are weaker in the faith or to avoid needless debate? What is the difference between living for the good of others and living to please others?
5. Read John 3:16-18. This passage emphasizes the importance of our personal response to Jesus Christ. How would you describe your response? What do these verses tell us about ...God the Father? ...Jesus the Son?
6. What do you think will happen when we stand before God's judgment seat — remember this the judgment that only Christians will face (use a little "holy imagination" to describe what we might witness or experience)?