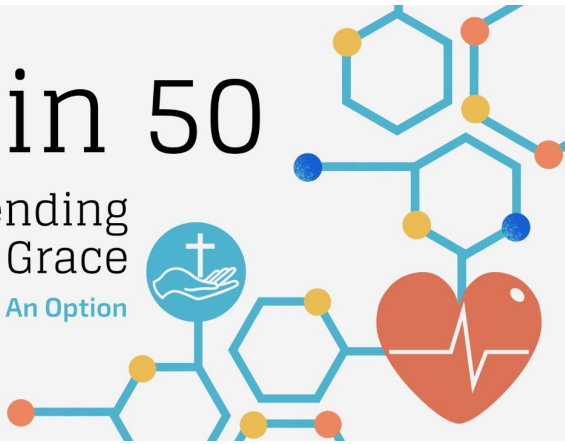


# Fit in 50

Extending  
God's Grace

Quitting Isn't An Option



## CORE VALUE

### EXTENDING GOD'S GRACE

We are determined to reflect God's grace  
in all relationships because  
God so generously saved us by grace

## Never Gonna Give You Up

### [2 Corinthians 4:15]

#### 1. Do Not Lose Heart [2 Corinthians 4:1, 16]

Why? Multiplication [2 Corinthians 4:15]

#### 2. Time to Get Healthy [Hebrews 12:12-15]

Three Relational Expectations [Hebrews 12:14-15]


- Live Peaceably [with all people]
- Walk in Holiness [set apart by God]
- Care for Each Other [See To It]

**Warning: Guard Against Bitterness**

#### 3. Consistent Growth - HABITS [Jude 20-23]

- Building our Faith - Holiness [20a]
- Praying in the Holy Spirit [20b]
- Staying in His Love as we wait . . . [21]
- Showing Mercy to those who doubt [22]
- Rescuing People from Error [23]
- Recognizing that no one is Beyond Salvation Through Faith in Christ. [Zechariah 3:1-5]

## Discussion Questions

- In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul calls the people of the Corinthian church to "not lose heart" [v. 1, 16]. How does Paul encourage those who are losing heart? [See 2 Cor. 4:7-18] How can you help and encourage those around you to cultivate an eternal perspective?
- Read Jude 20-23. What one habit on the list [in the outline] do you need to work on as you grow in your relationship with Christ and others?
- Read Zechariah 3:1-5. What is happening here and what does God's response to Joshua's [representative of the sinful nation of Israel] "filthy rags" tell us about His desire to extend grace to all people?
- Pray for God to impress these vital truths on your .

**2 Corinthians 4:1-18** Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, **we do not lose heart.** <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> **So we do not lose heart.** Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Hebrews 12:12-15** Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

**Jude 17-25** But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." <sup>19</sup> It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.