<u>3-Be Grace to Me</u>

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INTRO:

I. → Psalm 25:4-18

4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you (qiwitiy) all day long. → 6 **Remember** (zakor), Lord, your mercy and love, for they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins (chatot) of my youth and my transgressions; according to your love **remember** me, for the sake of your goodness, Lord. → 16 Turn to me and **be grace to me**, (chaneyniy) for I am lonely and afflicted. *17 Relieve the troubles of my heart* and free me from my anguish. 18 Look on my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins.

BODY:

I. Learning From Mistakes

4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,

- A. Even in our mistakes there is an opportunity to learn.
 - 2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.
 - 2) "No regrets in life"
 - 3) OLD MAN TO YOUNG—MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

- B. If we open up our hearts the Lord will lead us and guide us.
 - 1) John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

2) TRYING TO FIX THE BOAT—A LITTLE RAY OF LIGHT

II. Remembering Love

6 *Remember* (zakor), Lord, your mercy and love,
7 Do not *remember* the sins (chatot) of my youth according to your love *remember* me,

- A. <u>It is so important to be honest about our regrets.</u>
 - 1) **1 Samuel 7:12**

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

- 2) Heb (*even-ha-azer*) "Stone of the Helper"
- 3) THE 911 MEMORIAL
- B. But at the end of the day it is God's love that covers us.
 - 1) **1 Peter 4:8**

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

- 2) DON'S DAUGHTERS GREIVING THEIR LOSS
- 3) GRIEVING MY DAD DID NOT SEE THE BUILDING

III. Relying On Grace

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, (chaneyniy) for I am lonely and afflicted.
17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.

- A. The most powerful force on earth is the grace of God.
 - 1) In Hebrew "grace" is a verb (*chanan*) stoop down (the noun is *chen*)

2) Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by **grace** you have been saved.

- 3) WE'RE NO ANGLES—SAYING GRACE
- B. Every day begins and ends with His grace renewed.
 - 1) **2 Corinthians 12:8-9**

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My **grace** is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2) EVERYONE HAS A MACGUFFIN