

EMPOWER CONFERENCE

Breakout – Throne of Grace – Come Boldly; Receive Mercy, Find Grace
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For years as a mother and Children’s Ministry Leader, I asked myself, “How do I teach Christian children what to do when they sin?” It’s a question that led me the throne of grace and a way to go deeper in theology of sin, trespasses and iniquity in practical way that kids will understand. Come learn how to have a Family Encounter and teach spiritual formation to children and parents, using everyday items and teachable moments as we as leaders and parents, begin to understand what it truly means to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need so that out of our hearts, our mouths will speak.

Create space for families to come and encounter God together.

A Family Encounter is a time when families gather together to spend time in the presence of God to learn biblical truths and foundations of the faith. More than ever, our parents need to make spiritual formation a priority in their homes yet we see the need for them to partner with those in ministry. What a blessing it is to walk with parents so they can be confident in their biblical knowledge, encouraged them with scriptures and in their kids’ faith journey. The goal of Family Encounters is authentic faith, genuine relationships and real conversations.

As a Christian, what do I do, when I sin ? I come to the Throne of Grace

- Hebrews 4:14-16
 - To understand that once we have been found by Jesus and we have accepted him to be our Savior, we are washed clean of sin and we are worthy to come to the Throne of Grace because of what Jesus has done for us. We have been given the righteousness of Christ in exchange for our sin. We come in His name to the Throne of grace, not judgment and receive mercy for the past and grace for the present and future.
 - Illustration – Chair with white fabric and lights

Mercy means kind and forgiving treatment of someone.

- Titus 3:4-7
 - Mercy of God means you don't get the bad things you deserve like punishment and shame.
 - Illustration – Scarves – black, white and red

Grace means special treatment or favor.

- Titus 2:11-15
 - Grace –The grace of God means you get the good things you don't deserve like forgiveness, favor & protection.
 - Illustration – Glass, water and a stone

Righteousness means behavior that is morally justifiable or right.

- Romans 3:22- 26
 - Righteousness of God means Jesus was perfect, holy, and without any sin and in right standing with God. He Jesus paid the wages of sin in full on the cross and became sin for us he freed us from the payment of sin. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we exchange our sin for His righteousness and are made in right standing by a holy God because of the blood of Christ.
 - Illustration – Paper plates – black, white and red/flashlight/red/blue lights/heart stuffy

Sin means "missing the mark".

- 1 John 1:8
 - We can try to do better but because of our sin nature as a human, we will still sin sometimes even unintentionally.
 - We must not fool ourselves in thinking that we will never sin again.
 - Illustration - Dartboard

Trespass means “crossing the line”.

- 1 John 1:9
 - Trespass is another word for sin. It is like crossing the line. We do this in our thoughts, words we speak or in our actions. When we choose to trespass (crossing the line) this is called a transgression. When we choose to lie about something, or to disobey God or someone else, this is a transgression.

- We can approach the Throne of Grace boldly and if we confess our sin to Him, he is faithful and just to forgive us.
- Illustration - Dartboard

Iniquity means "unrepentant sin".

Scripture - 1 John 2: 1&2

- Iniquity is to continue in sin without repentance.
- Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, praying for us to come with a repentant heart to the Throne of Grace.
- Illustration - Dartboard

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- 1 John 1:7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.
 - Because Jesus made a way to the Father for us, we have direct access to Him. When we sin as a Christian, we can come boldly to the throne of our gracious God because we come in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and His righteousness.