



## WEEK 4 – SAINT & SINNER

**Read:** Timothy 1:12-17

**OPENING PRAYER:** God, we thank you that we are each here by your grace today. Help us to extend that grace to ourselves and to our siblings in Christ so that we can support one another's growth in faith and wholeness. Amen. **Quote:** *"I remain committed to the truth that no one's value can be calculated by just the sum total of their worst moments."* – Nadia Bolz-Weber

**Starter Question:** What is your favorite real or fictional "second chance" story (movie, TV show, book, etc.)?

### WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

1. What do you notice about the way Paul speaks about his past?
2. What do you notice about the way Paul speaks about his experience of grace?
3. What does this passage say or imply about who can receive God's grace and how it works in a person's life?
4. The recipient of this letter is Timothy, Paul's protégé. What effect do you think it would have to hear your mentor speak about himself in this way?

### NEXT STEPS:

1. Have you ever felt "beyond grace"? Sometimes it is hard to receive or accept the grace offered to us. In what ways might Paul's story inspire you to live into the grace God offers? What else might help?
2. Have you ever felt beyond reproach? Sometimes we can be quick to judge others but seek to protect ourselves from such judgment. How does this passage speak to you in that experience?
3. Reflect privately and honestly about who you put into the category of "saint" and "sinner." If we truly believe that every person is both sinner and, with God's grace, saint, how might that impact the way we treat one another?

**CLOSING PRAYER:** God of sinners and saints, thank you that you are not done with us yet. We open ourselves to the ways you will work on us this week and pray that we will get on board with the future you have in store for us. Amen.

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**Week 1: Heart & Head**

Sunday – Mark 12:30-31, Acts 8:26-40

Monday – Ephesians 5:15-20

Tuesday – Hebrews 7:15-22

Wednesday – Matthew 22:34-46

Thursday – John 17:24-26

Friday – Deuteronomy 7:9

Saturday – Romans 5:1-5

**Week 2: Sacred & Secular**

Sunday – Acts 10:9-16

Monday – Matthew 22:15-22

Tuesday – Colossians 3:23-25

Wednesday – Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday – Matthew 12:9-14

Friday – John 15:8-9

Saturday – Philippians 2:10-11

**Week 3: Us & Them**

Sunday – Galatians 3:28-29, Hebrews 13:1-2

Monday – 1 John 3:16

Tuesday – Matthew 5:44-45

Wednesday – John 13:34-35

Thursday – Matthew 15:21-28

Friday – Matthew 18:21-22

Saturday – Galatians 2:11-16

**Week 4: Saint & Sinner**

Sunday – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Monday – Romans 8:38-39

Tuesday – Romans 5:8

Wednesday – Titus 3:4-5

Thursday – Hebrews 12:5-6

Friday – Romans 3:23-26

Saturday – Acts 9:1-17