

Grace Amazing

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The third “G” in 3G Ministries is for God’s grace, and so our 2012 3G Youth Conference was focused on grace. I struggled to come up with an appropriate theme for the conference that would translate well into song. One of our faithful and gospel-centered church members suggested to me the of how amazing God’s grace was. I knew I couldn’t write a song called *Amazing Grace* ... It was then the Holy Spirit placed in my mind the idea of switching the two words around. I loved it!

Each verse is tied to the cross. It is the cross that displays the most intense form of God’s amazing grace to sinners. I specially love how Greg wrote the music for the text. At the end of each verse, he causes us to linger, if just for a moment, on the word grace. The chorus was the first part of the hymn that I wrote. The original lyrics however, didn’t have the name Christ in it. We would know who we were singing about, but I still felt uneasy about the chorus being so general. After a few honest and caring people I trusted shared some misgivings about the chorus, it was confirmed I needed to change something. I like the change!

My prayer for this song would be that God’s people are encouraged and strengthened by meditating on the amazing grace of their God. *There is hope as long as there is God.*