Title: The Space ( ) Between

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# God created us for relationship with Him

### Jeremiah 31:3

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

## Genesis 2:18

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

## Acts 2:46, 47

<sup>46</sup>So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

### **Boundaries**

### Proverbs 4:23

<sup>23</sup>Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

## **Authority**

## Proverbs 12:26

<sup>26</sup>The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

### Proverbs 18:24

<sup>24</sup>One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

# The (grace) between us

#### Matthew 22:37

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

## Grace is:

- Undeserved pardon for your wrongs
- And a supernatural gift that God gives us to do His will.
- Need humility
- Requires forgiveness
- Judging yourself soberly

# 1. Give freely

# Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.

# 2. Choose to cover

#### 1 Peter 4:8

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

# 3. Mine, mine, mine....

## Matthew 7:5

<sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

# 4. Want to change

### Romans 6:1

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

# 5. Speak with grace

## Proverbs 22:11

<sup>11</sup>One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.

# 2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.