



**NOT ON
MY WATCH**

#MC3NOTONMYWATCH



**Discussion
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THE POINT:

ON MY WATCH, I WILL: EXTEND GRACE TO ALL

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Have you ever been a part of a blowout win/loss in a game either as a spectator or a participant? Tell us about it. How did it feel?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- What has been *your experience* about our culture's tendency to "hit 'em when they're down"? Do you think that phrase is accurate? Why?
- Read Ephesians 4:29-5:2. Why does Paul seem to repeat himself with verses 29-30 and then in verses 31-32?
- Reflect on your past. What things may have affected your thinking when it comes to extending grace to others, good or bad? (Perhaps an experience, something you were taught, a hurt, some kind of bias, etc.)
- Share a time when someone extended grace to you in the past (aside from Jesus). How did it make you feel?
- Read the following passages on extending grace, *Even When...*
 - ...*Everyone is Ready to Condemn*: John 8:3-11
 - ...*They Say Something Awful*: Matt. 26:69-75; John 21:15-19
 - ...*They Hurt You*: Acts 7:54-60
- Which of these three situations are the hardest for you to comprehend?
- How can the idea of "Not On My Watch" tie into each of these situations? What are some real, everyday examples of how this can look?
- In which of these situations is it hardest for you to extend grace? Is there something specific that you need to do? Be real with your Pr'me, then pray for each other in these areas. Be intentional about praying for the specific steps that each person needs to take in extending grace

The References

Main Passage: **Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (NIV)** *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen....Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you...

John 8:3-11 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her..When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman...

Matthew 26:69-75 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.

John 21:15-19 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" ...Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

Acts 7:54-60 (NIRV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...While the members of the Sanhedrin were throwing stones at Stephen, he prayed. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," he said. Then he fell on his knees. He cried out, "Lord! Don't hold this sin against them!" When he had said this, he died.