"The Grace Pursuit (1): The Journey to Pursue Jesus" (John 1:1, 14, 16)

Today: A Personal Journey and the Scriptural Basis that... the Pursuit of Grace is a Pursuit of Jesus

- I. A Personal Journey to Grace
 - A. 6 Priorities in Grace Living

"Pursue Jesus, Pursue Jesus, Pursue Jesus, Rest in Grace, Transformed by Grace, and Proclaim Grace"

The Focus of Grace is Not on an Outward Expression, but an Internal Encounter with Jesus

B. "A Man after God's Own Heart" (Psalm 43:3-4)

"Who is Your Exceeding Joy"?

C. 3 Mottos at JBC: Encouraging all to Pursue Grace... Pursue Jesus

"Love God, Love One Another", "What Would Jesus Think", and "People are More Important than Things"

II. Grace is Jesus (John 1:1, 14, 16): To Pursue Grace is to Pursue Jesus

8 Grace Characteristics Jesus displayed in Incarnation:

- 1. "The Word": Grace is Solution
- 2. "Became": Grace is Transition "It's not about Me, it's about You (John 3:16)
- 3. "Flesh": Grace is about Identification
- 4. "Made his dwelling among us": Grace Engages Relationships
- 5. "We have seen": Real Grace is Observable Grace is not Free for the One who offers it
- 6. "His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father": Grace bears the Mark of the Divine
- 7. "Full of Grace and Truth": Grace is Without Limits

Grace Requires one to say NO to his own Comfort, Rights and Privileges

8. "From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another": Grace is Experiential

Grace in action is Not Coincidental, but Intentional... As Jesus has Graced me, so I will extend Grace to others

Reflection: 8 Targets for Grace

Walk with me in the Journey to Pursue Grace – Pursue Jesus, and to Live a Life of Grace, and Glorify Father in Heaven