



### **“My Grace is sufficient for you.” 2 Corinthians 12:9**

Two days ago, as I was leaving the church, I decided to do a bit of weeding around our grace rock. As I reached behind the rock to pull out a weed that had spread across the backside, my hand brushed up against something else. I quickly pulled my hand back and bent in a bit closer to see what else was hiding behind the rock. As I pushed the weed out of the way, what was revealed made my heart beat a bit faster – it was a snake skin! I’m very thankful to say that the snake was not in it! What a surprise.

It’s a bit ironic that the rock the snake chose to “change” behind was the rock with the word grace engraved into it. Not only am I surprised by grace daily, but I know that God’s grace daily changes who we are. We too are able to shed our skins of sinfulness and take on the newness of Christ. That is why when we look at our neighbor we don’t just see them, but we see Christ in them.

I hope that this week, you can be surprised by grace!

Let us pray. Living God, you are a God who takes away the sinfulness of the world and restores us in the grace of your Son. May we continue to serve our neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen