

# **“Full of Grace & Truth”**

A Homemade Christmas, Week 4

John 1:14

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<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.”

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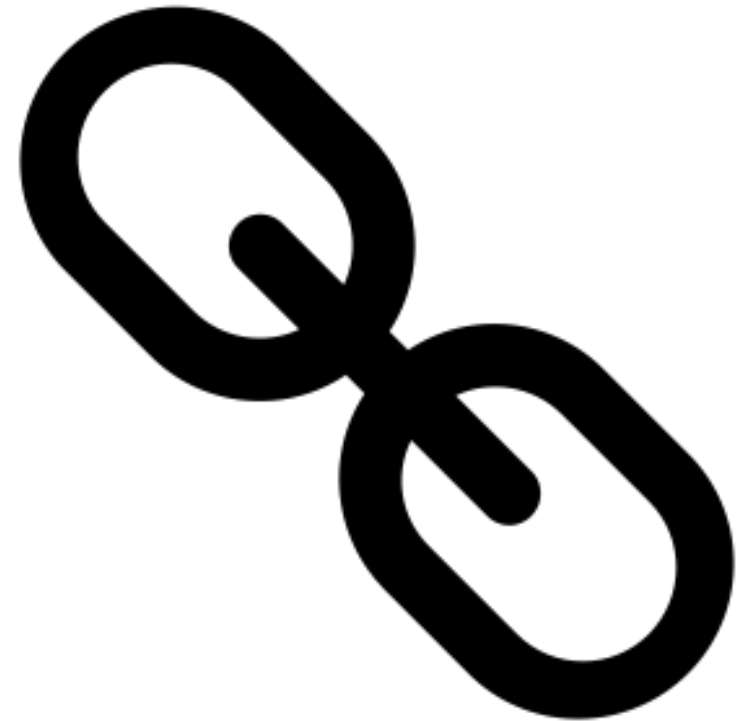
## The Word

- became flesh
- dwelt among us
- (we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father)
- full of grace and truth

# Truth & Grace Links

Covenant Love &  
Faithfulness in  
OT Writings

Love/Life & Light in  
John's Writings



# Exodus 34:6-7 ESV

**4** So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. **5** The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

# Exodus 34:6-7 ESV

6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and **abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness**, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.



## **Psalm 138:2 ESV**

**2** I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.

“Grace corresponds with the idea of the revelation of God as Love (1John 4:8, 16) by Him who is Life; and Truth with that of the revelation of God as Light (1John 1:5) by Him who is Himself Light.”

- B.F. Westcott, *The Gospel According to St. John*, p. 24

# John 1:4-5 ESV

“4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
has not overcome it.”

# Jesus is Full of Grace

Grace in John 1:14 = Covenant Love in the OT

Grace is unmerited favor, unearned love, undeserved kindness, and unconditional relationship.

# Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

# Luke 19:1-10

<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

# Luke 19:1-10

<sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

# Jesus is Full of Truth

Truth in John 1:14 = Covenant Faithfulness in the OT

“Truth is the manifestation of reality, the unveiling of what is actually there, the stripping off of all the illusions, veils, shams, phoniness, the facades, and getting down to what is actually there.”

- Ray Stedman, Peninsula Bible Fellowship, April 10, 1983



# Luke 18:18-25

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’”

# Luke 18:18-25

<sup>21</sup> And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

# Luke 18:18-25

<sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

# **The Call of Christ**

Steadily Follow His Example of Grace and Truth

## 2 John 1-3

<sup>1</sup> The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but all who know the truth, because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

## 2 John 4-6

<sup>4</sup> I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup> And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup> And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

# The Truth & Grace Spectrum

Truth



Grace

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“Tough”

“Nice”

Are you a Truth or Grace Person?

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Truth

Grace

“Tough”

“Nice”

Are you a Truth or Grace person?

**WRONG!!!  
QUESTIONING**



“We don’t have the luxury of choosing either grace or truth. Yet many believers habitually embrace one instead of the other, according to our temperament, background, church, or family.

We must learn to say yes to both grace and truth—and say no to whatever keeps us from them.”

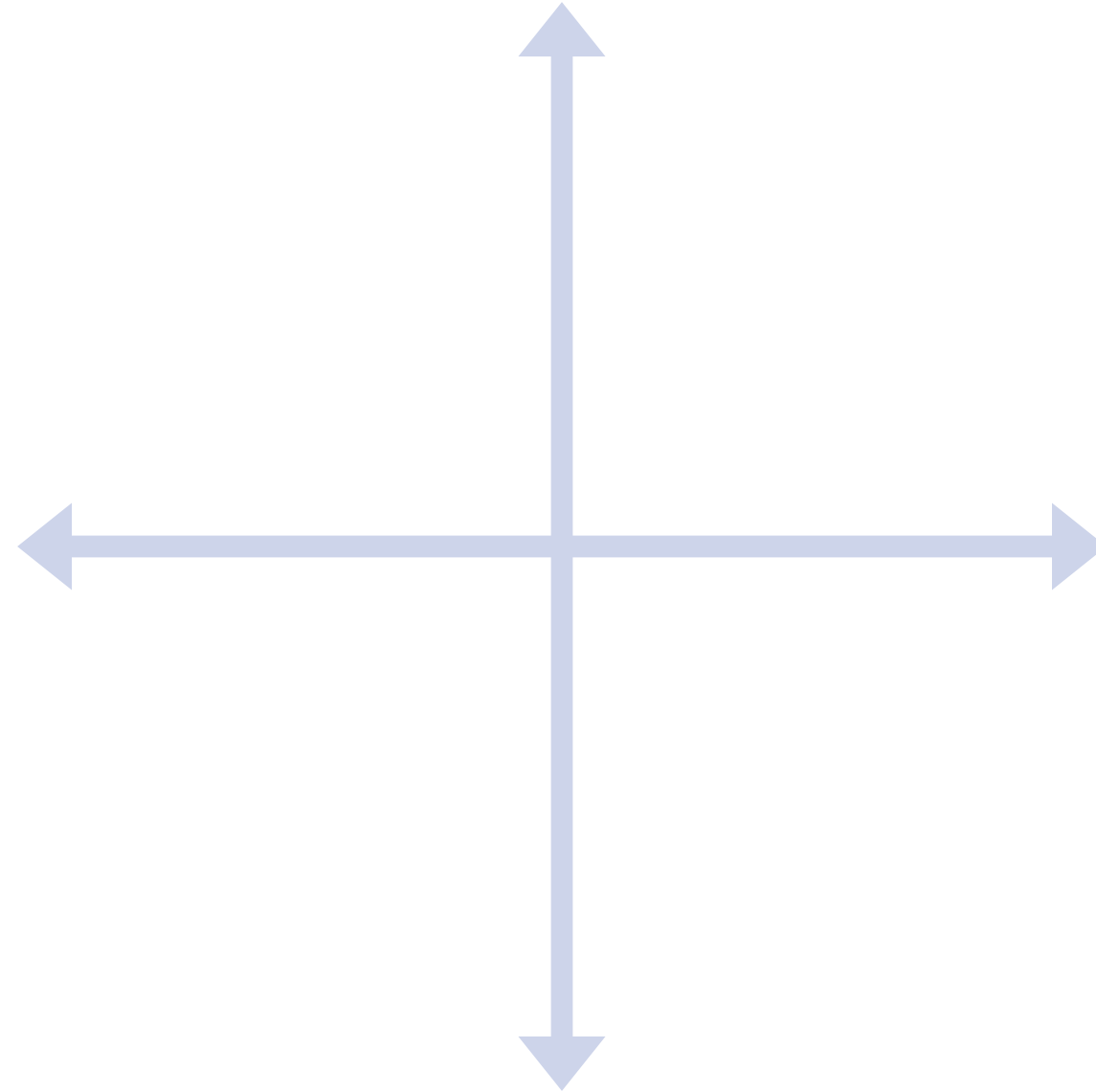
- Randy Alcorn, *The Grace and Truth Paradox*, p. 71

**High Grace**

**Low Truth**

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**High Grace**

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**Call  
Out**

Self-Righteous  
"Point It Out"  
Issue > Relationship  
Joyless Striving

**Low Grace**

**High Grace**

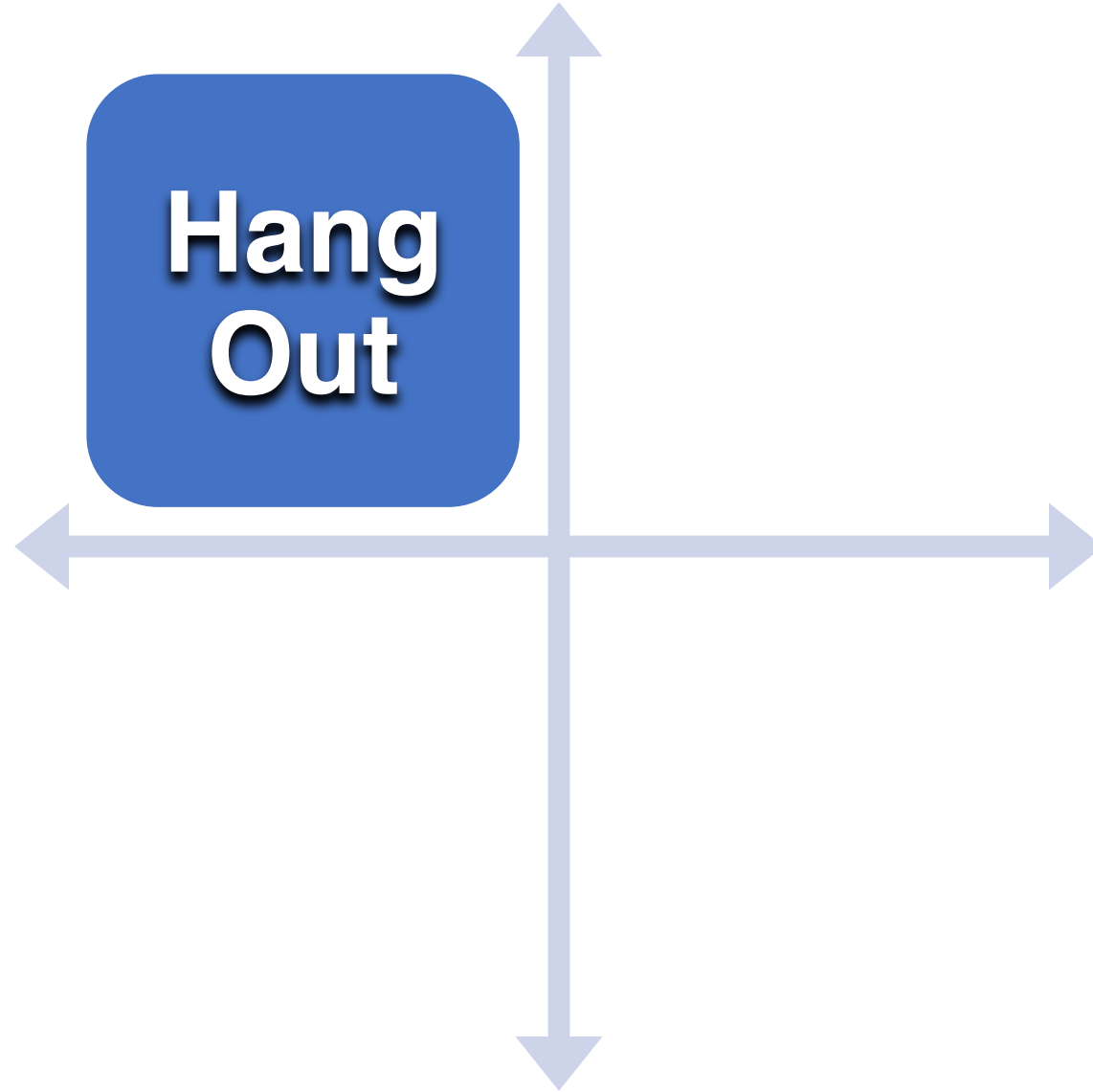
Self-Conscious  
“Avoid It”  
Relationship > Issue  
Joyless Managing

**Hang  
Out**

**Low Truth**

**High Truth**

**Low Grace**



**High Grace**

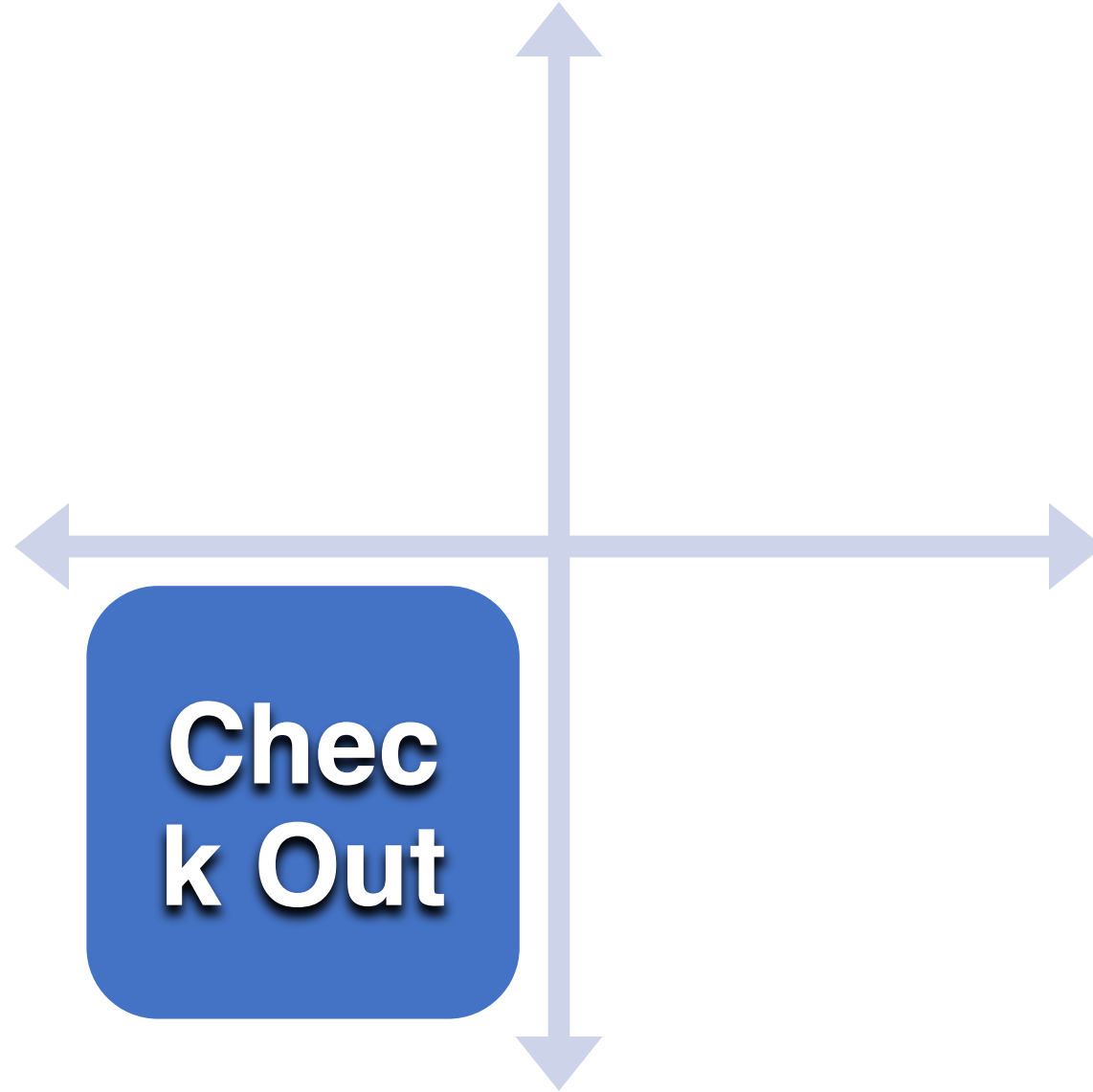
**Low Truth**

**High Truth**

Self-Preservation  
“Give Up On It”  
Relationship/Issue  
Joyless Exhaustion

**Check Out**

**Low Grace**



**High Grace**

**Hang  
Out**

**Low Truth**

**High Truth**

**Chec  
k Out**

**Call  
Out**

**Low Grace**

**High Grace**

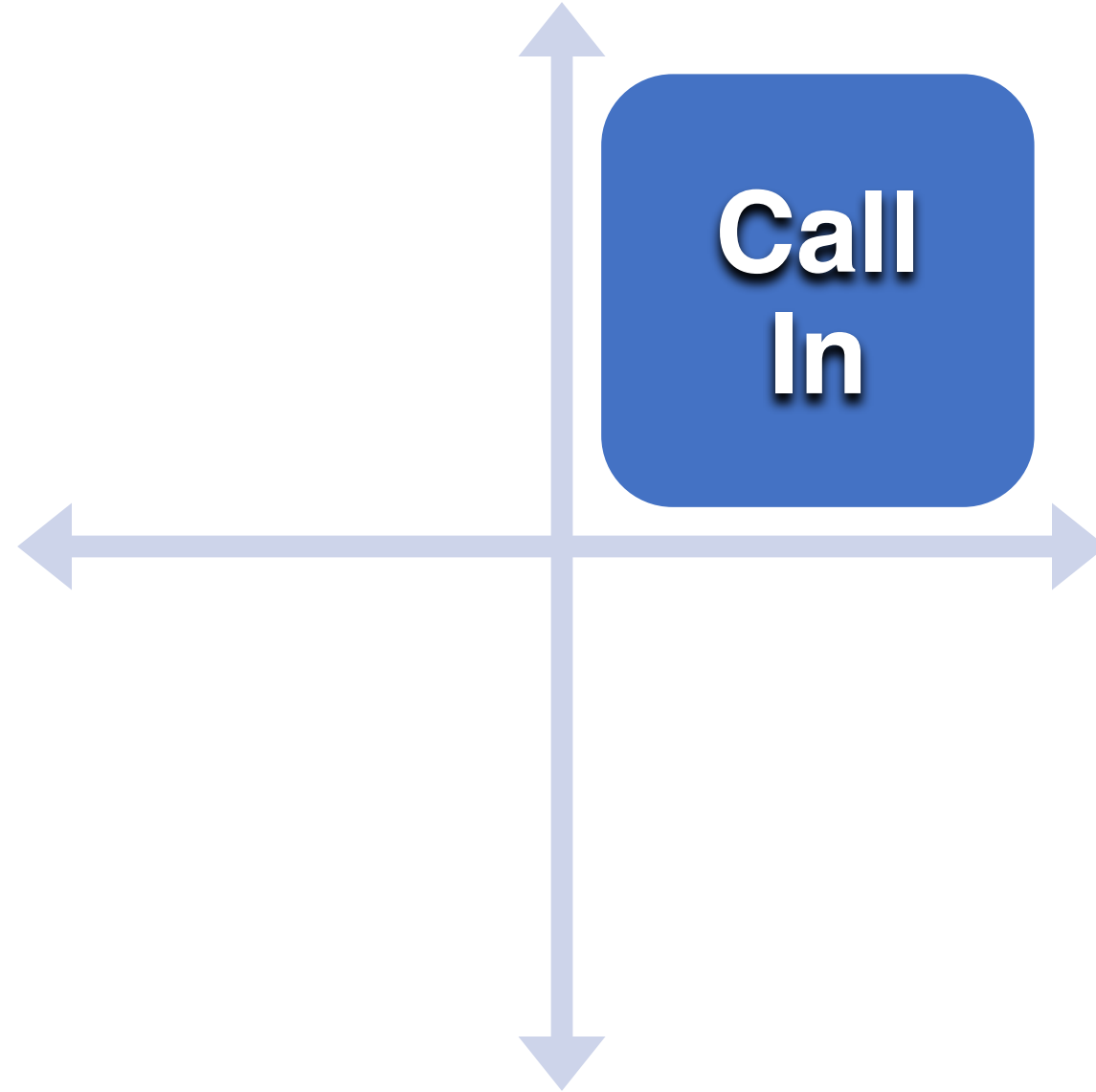
**Call  
In**

Spirit-Empowered  
“Motivated by Love”  
Deal with What’s Real  
Mutually Joyful

**Low Truth**

**High Truth**

**Low Grace**



# Called to a Steady State of Truth & Grace

“In chemistry, a steady state is a situation in which all state variables are constant in spite of ongoing processes that strive to change them.”

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/introchem/chapter/steady-state-approximation/>



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**Gospel-Ready**

**(Never Get Over Your Calling)**

“If we minimize grace, the world sees no hope for salvation. If we minimize truth, the world sees no need for salvation. To show the world Jesus, we must offer unabridged grace and truth, emphasizing both, apologizing for neither.”

- Randy Alcorn, *The Grace and Truth Paradox*, p. 86

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