Grace-Filled Faith

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

*1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been
given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction,
their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a
wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means,
as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us
earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this,
not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by
the will of God to us. 6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so
he should complete among you this act of grace. 7 But as you excel in
everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our
love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.
8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that
your love also is genuine. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by
his poverty might become rich.*

I. God Wants Us To _____ His Grace

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God

A. It is seen in their _____

their abundance of joy

B. It is seen in their _____

overflowed in a wealth of generosity

II. God Wants Us To _____ His Grace

A. They gave in spite of their _____

for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity

B. They gave beyond their _____

For they gave… beyond their means

III. God Wants Us To _____ In Grace

begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints

Last Thought: As our _____ of grace grows, our lives will correspond with _____ sacrifice.

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