

## Grace in Action outline

### PREFACE

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the Rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the GRACE IN ACTION talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This talk allows for much creativity on the part of the speaker. Its main objective is to give insight as to what happens when God's love flows freely in the loving interaction of people. Also, it is the opportune time to include the mechanics of the weekend, that of cost and how those needs are met, as well as presenting to the candidates a challenge of the loving responsibility that now rests with them. It's easy to fall into mimicking others that have given this talk. So MAKE IT YOURS!! MAKE IT REAL!! MAKE IT FUN!! Examples of God's GRACE IN ACTION are unlimited. Please enjoy the freedom of your own individual expression as to what GRACE IN ACTION means to you. If you have allowed us to see Jesus through you, you will have accomplished the task. Time allotted for this talk is 5-10 minutes.

God's Blessings to you in your presentation.

### SYNOPSIS

GRACE IN ACTION attempts, in a variety of ways, to present the beauty of how God's love and grace multiplies in the loving interaction of people.

### OUTLINE #13 ½ GRACE IN ACTION

I. The Reality of God's Grace in our lives is demonstrated by Action - James 2:8, II Cor 1:3-5, Peter 4:8-11

A. It's personal (Give a personal witness as to experiencing Grace in Action)

B. Evidenced in 'Loving' 1 John 3:16-18, 23

1. People helping people
2. Continuing process – chain reaction – multiplying

In the book written by Marjorie Holmes entitled Hold Me Up A Little Longer, Lord, we read: 'a chain of human being reaching out to each other. Though the hand we extend to help someone and the hand that receives it may never touch again, yet the help goes on – somewhere, someday, that other hand will reach out to smooth the way for someone else.'

3. Cursillo Weekend

- a. You're here this weekend because someone cares about you.
- b. Many have generously reached out and shared their time, their talents, and their finances to make this weekend possible. Cost @ \$\_\_\_\_. Thanks to the donations of many who feel that Cursillo is an exciting tool of renewal, there is \_\_\_\_\_ in our treasury \_\_ (cover weekend?)\_\_. It is our hope and prayer that by next \_\_\_\_\_ we will have the funds to sponsor another RCA Cursillo weekend. With that in mind, I would loving challenge you – can you reach out and help someone else?
- c. Before you return home you will be given a large brown envelope that we refer to as your packet. Inside, you will find a list of the candidates who are here this weekend along with some other information. Also, you will find a small white envelope addressed to the Cursillo treasury. If you wish to

share in future Cursillo weekends, a donation of any size and at any time of year is most welcome. The timetable and the amount you give are up to you and God.

d. Always keep reaching out and go on helping those whom God puts in your pathway.

C. Effectiveness of Loving Action Eph. 4:15, 16

When all ... simultaneously ... care caring and reaching out...love multiplies and exciting things happen!

II. Evidence of God's grace in action

A. People helping people

B. Love that keeps multiplying!!

Additional Notes/Materials that might be helpful – GRACE IN ACTION

Our Response to grace never stops.

-Make it personal with perhaps a concrete example of how you have been shown God's grace in action.

-13 ½ has traditionally been a 'lighter moment' but a good mix with a more reflective portion certainly can't hurt.

-This talk allows the candidates a way to vent the natural tendency they have to show their thanks to a great God!

-Check with the rectors on details:

- Actual costs

- How the Cursillo tool uses the funds

- The mechanics: the envelope to the treasurer

opportunities to give at a later date

who will take their gifts during the weekend, etc.

-13 ½ should reinforce the previous talks: 'what you have listened to and witnessed this weekend has been our God's grace in action.'

-Short talk – watch your time

You have felt love and grace this weekend through many ways – here's your chance to pass it on. You have been blessed to be a blessing. Those to whom much is given, much is expected in return.

Message is love but candidate needs to realize that now the 'loving responsibility' rests with them.

'Someone did it for you – now it's your turn'.

Additional Scripture References: John 13:34-35, Col. 3:12, Luke 12:48, Eph. 3:17-19, Matt. 25:40, I Cor. 13

Love is work  
Love is a command  
Christ said, 'Love our neighbor'  
You can't command your emotions  
Love is work  
There is work to be done

Other thoughts:

- God has made us as prone to love as the sun to shine. Without love – better to have no being.
- Beware of whom God places in your pathway on this journey of life.
- The answer God expects from us is LOVE.
- Love is commitment to God and to others. It is commitment of our wills. (Love is dying to oneself). It is an attitude that states, 'I will love you with a love that is patient, kind and all the other wonderful ingredients what I Cor. 13 talks about.' It is a commitment that says— 'I will give you love when I feel like it, when I don't feel like it and until I do feel like it!'
- We can all be channels. When we recognize what God has done – His gift to us, -- we want to respond.

Sharing God's love just as one shares the harvest, shares from ones' garden, using the Scripture Eph. 3:17-19. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love... etc. Here's your opportunity to serve. We often keep looking for the grand & glorious chance to serve and miss the everyday opportunities that are staring us in the face. Lord, help me to Worship, Serve, and Love in the ways that I know. God is ready to use you right now. Are you open to the challenge? We were meant to be this person at this time and this place. God wants to use us right where we are. We were meant to make this particular contribution to the world. However humble our circumstances or undramatic our talents, God has a purpose for us.