



# WALK GRACE

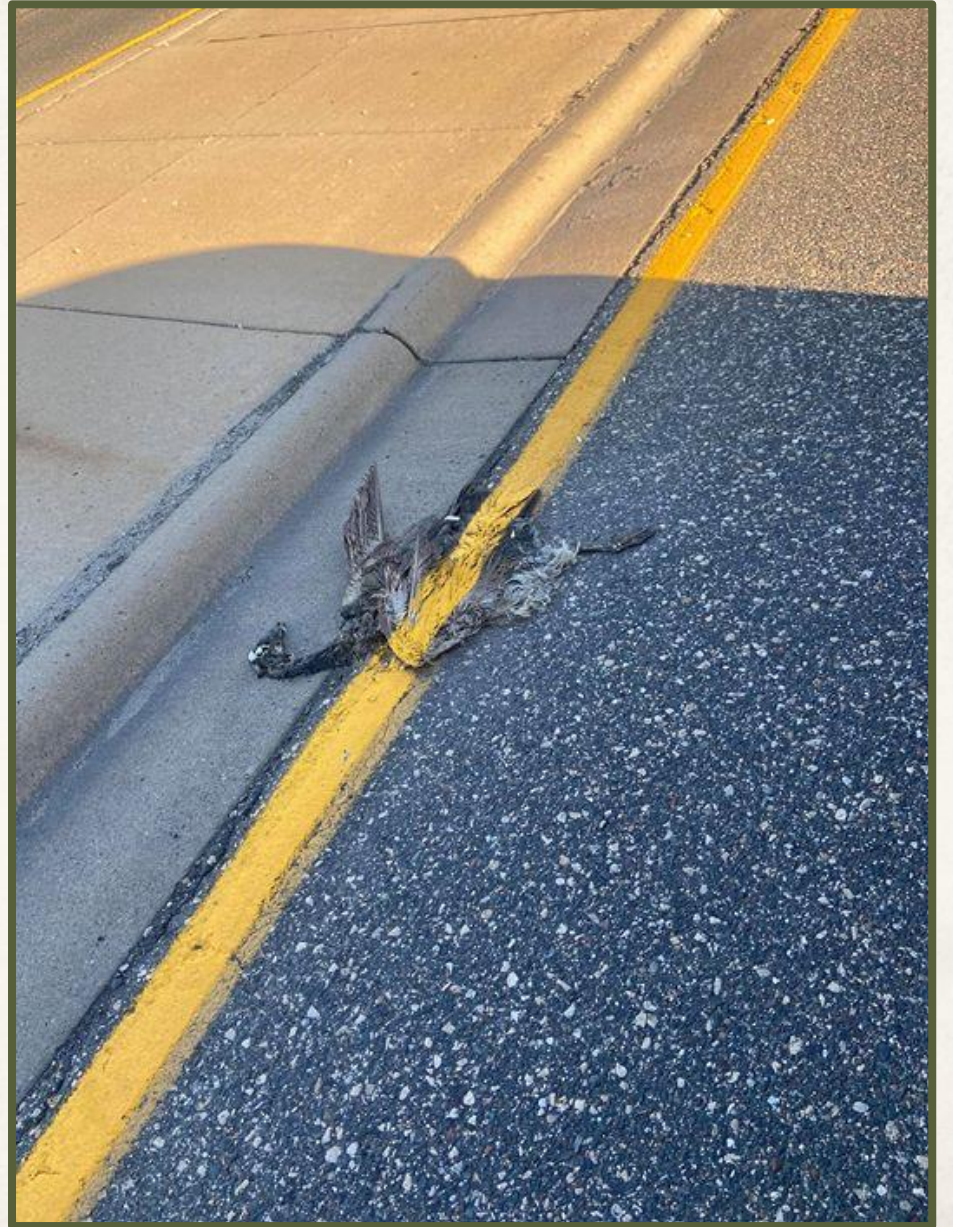
A SERMON SERIES FROM EPHESIANS 4-6



PUT OFF  
THE OLD SELF.  
PUT ON  
THE NEW SELF.  
WALK IN  
NEWNESS OF LIFE.



**The official winner of  
the "not my job" award**





**Client:** Why did you do that?!

**Project Manager:** Moving the rock is not in our scope of work.

The cable guy installed the cable through the hoola hoop that we left out... I have no words







# SERVE GOD AT WORK

EPHESIANS 6:5-9



# The Elephant in the Room

1. Slavery belongs to the fallen world, not God's creation design
2. Regulation does not necessarily mean approval
3. God's regulations restrain the harm of slavery
4. The Gospel introduces truths that undermine slavery
5. **Paul addresses Christians within the system; he isn't defending the system**



# *Two ways following Jesus affects the way we work*

## **1. Work as though you work for the Lord (vv.5-8)**

***a) Work wholeheartedly***

***b) Work with good character***

***c) Work with hope***



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## **2. Boss as though you have a Big Boss in heaven (v.9)**

***a) God is our impartial Master***





## Hoehner, *Ephesians*, pp.803-804

“Legislation restricting cruel treatment of slaves was sparse and the existing restrictions were more for the benefit of masters than slaves. Even when the Empire became Christian, Constantine (324-361) issued decrees to protect the masters who had beaten their slaves to death. Hence, a slave really had virtually no protection from the law. Slaves had no access to the courts and the death penalty awaited any slave who informed against the Master. In the end, therefore, Masters made up their own rules.”



## Galatians 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

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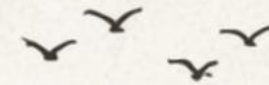
***a) God is our impartial Master***

***b) Implication:***

*Treat those under your authority as you wish to be treated*

***c) Being filled with the Spirit, treat your employees well***





Big Idea

Work wholeheartedly,  
***knowing your Big Boss is in heaven***