



Thankful for the scars

JOHN 20:19-29

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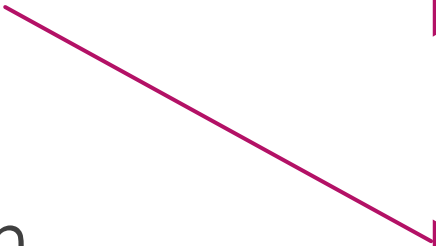
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“We ride the cusp of a wave we call the present, driven by the past and headed for the shore of the future. We wear time.”

*James K. A. Smith*

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- **Shape the present** – fear, doubt, confusion – **POWER**
- **Signpost the future** – uncertainty, hopelessness – **PURPOSE**

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“The God who appears in the fullness of time catches all that’s been thrown our way in an embrace that launches us into a future that could only be ours because only we have lived this life that Christ redeems.

Grace lives off the truth of God’s wonder-working mercy - my past, my story, is taken up into God and God’s story.

Grace is the good news of unfathomable possibility.”

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Ephesians 2:4-9

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“Peace be with you, see my scars.”