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**Our faith leads us to God's mercy...**

**But it is his mercy, his grace, which leads to our salvation...**

**Through the Gospel.**

**The Gospel Came...**

...in Word

...in Power

...in the Holy Spirit

...with Full Conviction

...by Example

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. How does faith serve as the pathway to experiencing God's mercy, and what role does it play in our salvation?
2. In what ways do you see God's grace and mercy at work in your life or the lives of others around you?
3. How does the gospel coming "in word" shape our understanding of its truth and message?
4. What does it mean for the gospel to come "in power," and how can we recognize that power in our lives or the world today?
5. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in delivering and illuminating the gospel. How have you experienced the Spirit's work personally?
6. What is the significance of "full conviction" in the message of the gospel, and how can believers live with such conviction? What other Bible passages reinforce this idea?
7. How does the example set by faithful followers of Christ contribute to the spread of the gospel? Can you think of a person whose life has impacted your faith?
8. In what ways can we live as examples of the gospel in our daily lives, reflecting God's mercy and grace to those around us?