

Encountering God's grace

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The Bible contains affirmations of faith written by flawed people who faced every catastrophe, confusion, doubt, dream, and blessing—and committed every sin humanity can discover. But they kept turning back to God. Or by grace, they were drawn back. That's how the Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the sacred text—and how the Spirit uses it to draw us to Jesus Christ as the grace-filled revelation of God who won't let go of us.