

Questions to answer for the RESPONSE—gathering step: You may pause to copy the questions or click on the line below to print out the questions through your printer.

Was grace a one-time event in John Newton, the author's life?

What do you imagine was happening internally in John Newton's life the six years between the storm that changed his whole perspective...and getting out of the slave business six years later?

Do you think Newton changed all his prior behaviors in one moment of time?

Have you heard of the word 'embodied spirituality'?

Being "embodied" signifies: **feeling at home in your body**. ... an increased ability to be in your body in the present moment and to feel all of its sensations

(emotional and physical). To make safe and healthy choices to thrive.

With the definition above, what of Newton's history told you he became an embodied spiritual person?

Now stay with me for a moment: when you observed Jason play the organ, what words did you put down? Did any of those words lead or show you that Jason was engaged bodily with the music?

Why do you think Jason chose to film his performance from the side view? Note you were not watching from afar. He wanted you to engage with the 'whole experience of playing the organ'...to see all movements including his feet. Now Jason didn't tell me that was what he was going to send me a side view. But when I saw it...it was clear to me that Jason was metaphorically showing us that he had to keep moving, his feet had to keep finding the path to make that song complete and heard in full embodiment through the organ. He couldn't play with just one hand....and what if you couldn't see the feet...that he was on a journey with the

music? Jason knew I was using the video for a devotion on the song, Amazing Grace. That's all he knew.

So how do you tie together Jason's choice of video presentation to the song Amazing Grace and to Newton's history of his life and the transformation that took place? How do you apply that to your life?

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace how
sweet the sound
That comes and sets me
free;
When I am lost and
need to be found;
Am blind and need to
see.

2. Through many
dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought
me safe thus far;
and grace will lead me
home.

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