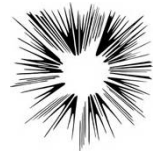




# Grace Snap Shot

*"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"*



## X Marks the Spot

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X is suppose to mark the spot. After carefully following the measurements given by the septic tank company, I began to dig a hole to locate the septic tank lid in the yard. After going down a good three feet and expanding the whole as I dug, it wasn't happening folks.

I was dressed for the occasion and had the right equipment but I couldn't find what I was looking for. I knew how to dig and had experience digging but still came up empty handed. I had good intentions and lots of energy but even that didn't seem to help. When it came down to it, faulty instructions caused me to miss the mark time and time again.

One day Jesus addressed some religious rulers who unknown to themselves, were continuously missing the mark. "You have your heads in your Bibles constantly because you think you'll find eternal life there. But you miss the forest for the trees. These Scriptures are all about me! And here I am, standing right before you, and you aren't willing to receive from me the life you say you want." John 5:39-40 (The Message).

These religious leaders probably were nice guys at home. They dressed the part, had head knowledge about God and there was no question about their commitment level. But because of faulty thinking they couldn't even recognize the Son of God standing a foot away from them.

Today Jesus still says, "If you're tired from endless self effort and dead end religious duty, come to me for rest." No amount of head knowledge, religious supplements, commitment level or life skill techniques are going to help you discover true rest. Keep going down that road and you'll just end up digging a big hole for yourself.