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## Questions:

1. Have uncomfortable situations sometimes yielded positive results in your life?

2. What advice do you think Paul would have for the church today?

3. Can you think of other modern examples of abrasive grace?

4. How can we live into Paul's vision of abrasive grace in the world today?

**EPISODE TITLE:** "Episode 6"

Abrasive Grace, Episode 6

**Featured Guest:** **Phillip Gulley**

Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor and writer and speaker from Danville, Indiana. An eclectic writer, Gulley has published 20 books, including the acclaimed Harmony series chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the best-selling Porch Talk series of inspirational and humorous essays. Gulley's memoir, I Love You, Miss Huddleston: And Other Inappropriate Longings of My Indiana Childhood, recounts his coming-of-age years in Danville, Indiana. In addition, Gulley and co-author James Mulholland describe their progressive worldview in their books If Grace Is True and If God Is Love, followed by Gulley's books If the Church Were Christian and The Evolution of Faith.

**Pneuma Divina Scripture:** **Galatians 3: 1-14**

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes
that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! [2]The only thing I
want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the
works of the law or by believing what you heard? [3]Are you so foolish?
Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? [4]Did
you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. [5]Well
then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you
by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?
6 Just as Abraham 'believed God, and it was reckoned to him as
righteousness', [7]so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of
Abraham. [8]And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the
Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All
the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.' [9]For this reason, those who believe
are blessed with Abraham who believed. 10 For all who rely on the works
of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who
does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.'
[11]Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for 'The
one who is righteous will live by faith.' [12]But the law does not rest on
faith; on the contrary, 'Whoever does the works of the law will live by
them.' [13]Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse
for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'— [14]in
order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the
Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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