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God's grace is not a reward we earn to keep or to ration; it is a gift we share.

Jonah 4:1-4 This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. 2 So he complained to the Lord about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. 3 Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen." 4 The Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?" "gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love"

Jonah 4:5 Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city.

Does Jonah truly desire what God does?

What's your shelter today?

Jonah 4:6-8 And the Lord God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But God also arranged for a worm! The next morning at dawn the worm ate through the stem of the plant so that it withered away. 8 And as the sun grew hot, God arranged for a scorching east wind to blow on Jonah. The sun beat down on his head until he grew faint and wished to die. "Death is certainly better than living like this!" he exclaimed.

God gives Jonah relief and he is happy, but a city of thousands of people repents and Jonah is angry.

What thing has your heart while a person God loves has none of it?

Jonah 4:9-11 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry because the plant died?" "Yes," Jonah retorted, "even angry enough to die!" 10 Then the Lord said, "You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly. 11 But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness,[a] not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?"

1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” God will not become that God you want to be, but He can transform you into the person He created you to be.

“There is no holiness but social holiness;” grace that stops with you has stopped being grace.