

In our Christian journey, we experience different seasons of grace. Early in our walk with God, He often carries us through challenges. Like a child learning to walk, we are helped, guided, and sometimes even carried. But just as a child eventually must learn to walk on their own, there comes a time in spiritual growth when God expects us to make decisions—wise, faithful decisions—on our own. This is a sign of maturity.

The Season of Being Carried vs. The Season of Responsibility

In Genesis 19, Lot and his family are rescued from Sodom. At first, they are physically taken by the hand and led out of danger by angels—an act of sheer grace and divine compassion.

“When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.”

—Genesis 19:16

But then, a shift happens. Once they are outside the city, they are given clear instructions:

"Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

—Genesis 19:17

At this stage, the responsibility shifts to them. The grace that carried them is now calling them to act. Lot's wife, however, looks back—an act of disobedience and longing for what God had condemned—and she turns into a pillar of salt.

This story illustrates that grace is not just about being saved; it's also about obeying and growing. It moves from external help to internal responsibility.

Laodicean Danger: Knowing Much, Changing Little

In Revelation 3:14-22, Jesus rebukes the church of Laodicea for being lukewarm—not hot or cold. This is symbolic of many Christians today: we know the truth, we've heard the sermons, seen the miracles, and read the Word, but real inward

transformation is lacking.

“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

—Revelation 3:16

The danger is in thinking that spiritual knowledge is the same as spiritual growth. But grace in this season requires movement, not just memory. It's not about how much you've heard, but how much you've obeyed.

Even Jesus stopped “pulling” people after a point. In John 6:67, when many disciples left, He turned to the Twelve and asked:

“You do not want to leave too, do you?”

—John 6:67

In other words: *You know enough now. What will you choose?*

Don't Take Grace for Granted

Hebrews 6 gives one of the strongest warnings in the New Testament:

"It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit... and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace."

—Hebrews 6:4-6

This passage is controversial but theologically clear: it warns against apostasy—not just making mistakes, but a complete turning away after fully knowing the truth. Such people aren't ignorant; they've experienced the depth of God's grace and still choose rebellion.

The writer uses an agricultural metaphor to explain:

“Land that drinks in the rain... and produces a crop... receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless... and in the end it will be burned.”

—Hebrews 6:7-8

The message? God’s grace is real—but so is His judgment.

It's Time to Grow Up Spiritually

Many of us are still waiting to be “pushed” into prayer, reminded to go to church, urged to fast, or begged to avoid sin. But if you’ve already been led out of spiritual darkness—if you’ve tasted God’s goodness—it’s time to walk intentionally with Christ.

The New Testament urges us to “make your calling and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10). This means taking responsibility for your spiritual growth. Lukewarm Christianity doesn’t work in these last days. Jesus is returning—and the time to be serious is now.

“Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right

continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

—Revelation 22:11

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

—Revelation 22:12

Run Forward. Don't Look Back.

If you've already been saved, don't long for the things God rescued you from. Don't assume grace will always “pull” you along. This is the season of action.

- Stop entertaining sin.
- Stop delaying repentance.
- Stop expecting to be carried.
- Start walking. Start running.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of

witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

—Hebrews 12:1

You're outside the city now. Run. Don't look back.

Shalom.

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