



Exodus 34:6 gives us a great description of what our amazing God is like:

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness..."

God is **GRACIOUS**. What's that mean? Sometimes our Bibles describe **grace** as **favor**...

"Why have I found **favor** in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"
(**Ruth 2:10**)

...or **generosity** ...

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is **generous** to the needy honors him. (**Prov 14:31**)

When someone is given **grace**, they don't get what's **fair**, they are offered **favor**. Instead of getting what they **deserve**, they are given a generous **gift** instead (**Psa 103:8-11**).



When we look in our Bibles at Jesus, we're looking at **GRACE** in the flesh (**2 Cor 8:9**). But Jesus has done more than serve as a good example for us. He's called **US** to follow in his steps:

Let your **speech** always be **gracious**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (**Col 4:6**)

Or, as the apostle Peter put it in **1 Peter 2:19-23**:

For this is a **gracious** thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly... if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a **gracious** thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might **follow** in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten...

What is God like? God is **gracious**.

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Exodus 34:6 would be a really good verse to **memorize** this month.

What is God like?



The LORD passed before Moses and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...”

What about **YOU**? When you think of someone showing **GRACE**, what do you think of? What does it look like to show **FAVOR** or to be **GENEROUS** to someone else?

There are lots of stories in the Bible of people who showed grace. One of the most famous is Jesus’ **Parable of the Prodigal Son**. Can you find **Luke 15:11-24** in your Bible? How did the father treat the son who had wasted so much on foolish, reckless living?

God is **GRACIOUS** and he wants us to grow up to be like him!

Luke 15:24

“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

