

# The Story Of Grace

## (4) Ruled By Grace

**Genesis 2:17 (ESV)...**

...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat** –  
for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**MAXIMUM FREEDOM IS ALWAYS FOUND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF GOD!**

**If GOD LOVES YOU...**

Then **WHY** would He strap you with **COMMANDS** in order to **HARM YOU?**

**Psalms 1:2 (ESV) ...**

...but his **DELIGHT** is in the **LAW** of the Lord, and on his **LAW** he **MEDITATES** day and night.

His intention was to establish a **NATION** that **LOVED HIS LAW**  
because the **PEOPLE... TRUSTED ITS SOURCE!**

**Exodus 20:12a (ESV)**

**“HONOR... YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER...”**

**Exodus 20:12b (ESV)**

**“... so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”**

**Exodus 20:13 (ESV)**

**“You shall not murder.**

**Exodus 20:14 (ESV)**

**“You shall not commit adultery.**

**Exodus 20:15 (ESV)**

**“You shall not steal.**

**Exodus 20:16 (ESV)**

**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**Exodus 20:17 (ESV)**

**“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

**GOD DIDN’T GIVE THE LAW TO “MAKE US GOOD”...  
HE GAVE THE LAW TO SHOW US JUST HOW “NOT GOOD” WE REALLY ARE!**

The **LAW... CONFRONTED HUMANITY** with **BOTH...**  
The **SERIOUSNESS** of **SIN** and the **DEPTH OF GOD’S GRACE!!!**

**Exodus 20:18-19 (ESV)...**

Now when all the people saw the **thunder** and the **flashes of lightning** and the **sound of the trumpet** and the **mountain smoking**, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, **“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”**