





**WHOA!**

**Why is My  
Inner Pharisee  
so Powerful?**





# Woe #4

**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.**

**Matthew 23:23-24**



# Today's Pharisee



# **A Lack of Humility**

**To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.**

**Luke 18:9-12**





# ***A Lack of Humility***

**This Pharisee had a very high opinion of himself**

**This Pharisee was very religious**

**He stood by himself**

**He acknowledged God**



# **A Lack of Humility**

**Standing next to this Pharisee  
was a sinner**

**“But the tax collector stood at a distance.  
He would not even look up to heaven, but  
beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy  
on me, a sinner.’”**

**v. 13**





# ***A Lack of Humility***

**The Pharisee knew he was there, he even referenced him in his prayer**

**He did not see him as a person, he was just a sinner**

**The Pharisee was so busy being religious he could not see broken**

**He could not hear the man's plea for mercy over his own blathering**

# ***Pronounced Judgement***



# Grace & Mercy

## Defined

**Grace** is receiving something you do not deserve

**Mercy** is not receiving consequence you do deserve



# Understanding





# Grace & Mercy

**“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”**



# **The Pharisee Problem**

**They were so busy being pious they failed to see they too received grace and mercy**

**They were so focused on living righteous they could you act rightly**

**They were so intent on handing judgement they had no time to see people**

**They were choking to death on their camel sized pride while trying to strain out the sinful gnats from other's lives**





# 5 Gentle Reminders



# Reminders #1

**You are not the Lone Ranger**

**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

**John 1:17**

**God does not want you running around on a thundering horse shooting down the bad guy**

**No Mask      Not seeking justice**

**Not law enforcement**





# Reminders #2

**You are not Tonto Either**

**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace**

**Ephesians 1:7**



**You are not the faithful Sidekick**

**You did not rescue God**

**Your relationship is no different than others in importance**



# Reminders #3

**You needed Grace and Mercy Also**

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**



**Outlaw**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**





# **Reminder #4**

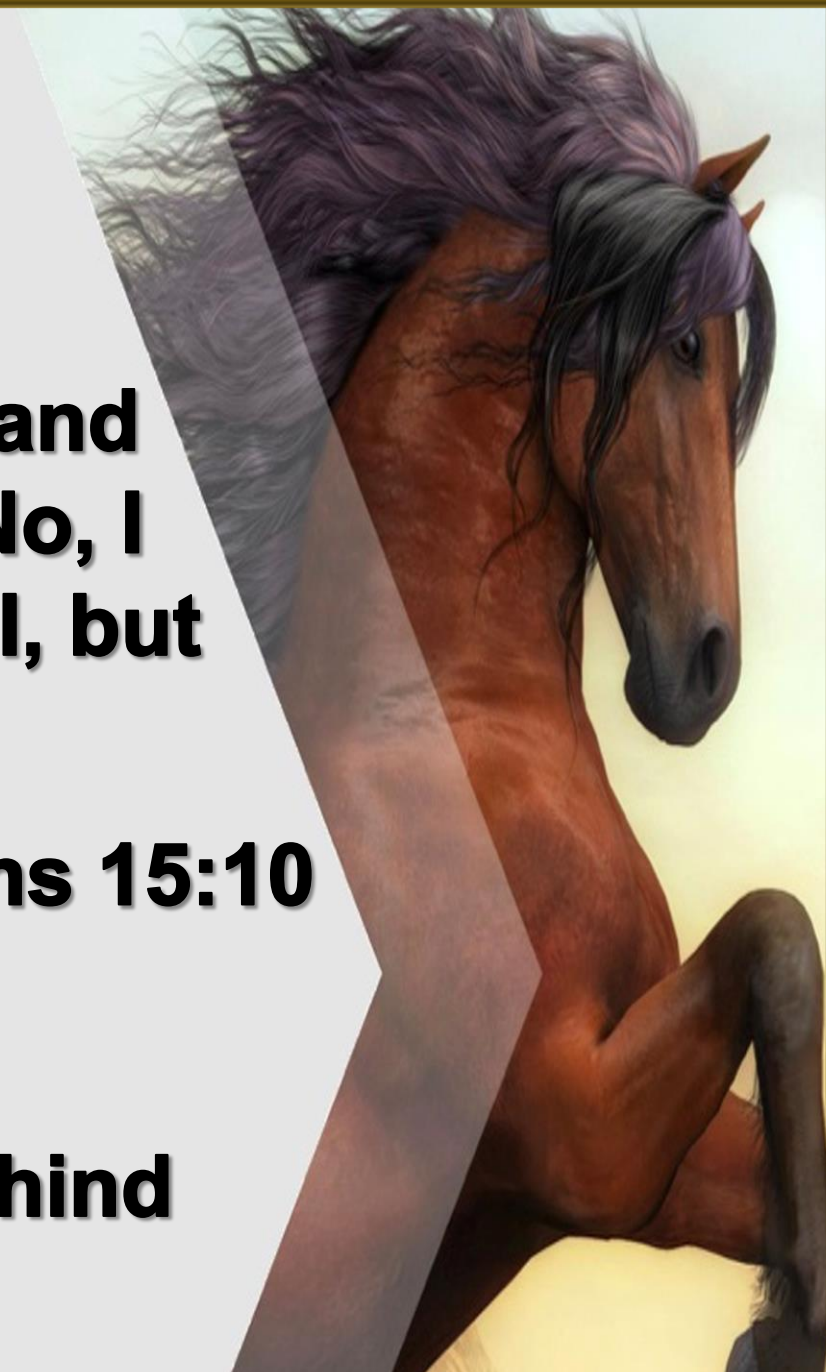
## **Grace is My Driving Force**

**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.**

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

**You are not what you were  
but what you are is because of grace**

**That grace must be the driving factor behind  
ministry**



# **Reminder #5**

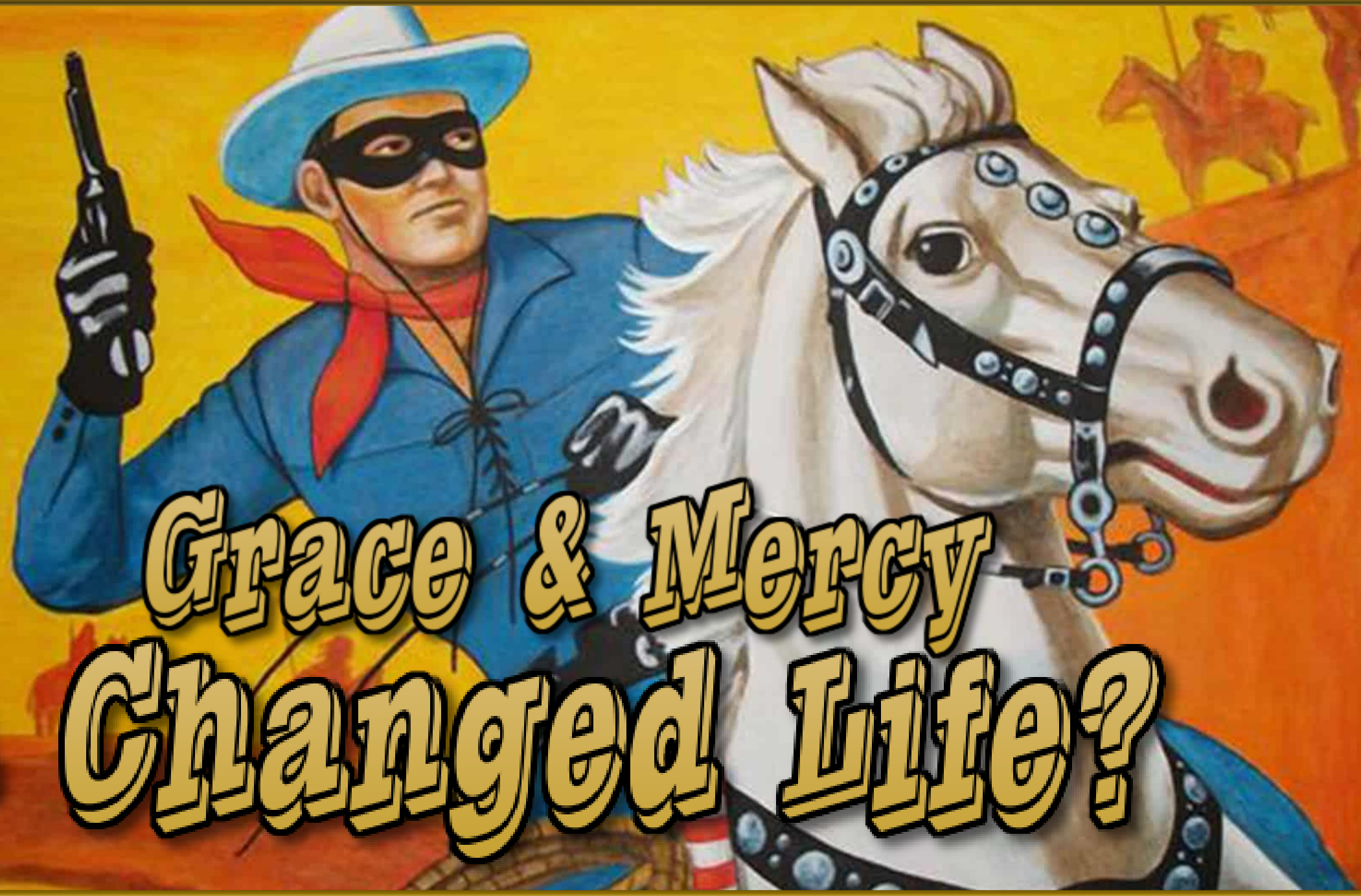
**You are an object lesson  
of God's Patience**

**Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in  
me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might  
demonstrate His perfect patience as an  
example for those who would believe in Him for  
eternal life.**

**1 Timothy 1:16**







**Grace & Mercy**  
**A Changed Life?**