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how we misunderstand the gospel

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how we misunderstand the gospel

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Truth is as essential as grace. Grace and truth are not competing or contradictory notions; this is not an either-or proposition.

The genuine gospel is a both-and proposition: grace *and* truth.

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Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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Micah 6:6-8

**With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt
offerings, with calves a year old?**

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Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

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To obey is better than sacrifice.

1 Samuel 15:22

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What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul

Deuteronomy 10:12

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Steps of Obedience

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- To give people what they are due, whether punishment or protection or care

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Why should we be concerned about the vulnerable ones?

It is because God is concerned about them. It is striking to see how often God is introduced as the defender of these vulnerable groups.

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“a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows”

Psalm 68:4-5

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- Hebrew word: *hesed*

**“The Lord, the Lord, the
compassionate and gracious God, slow to
anger, abounding in love [*hesed*] and
faithfulness, maintaining love to
thousands, and forgiving wickedness,
rebellion and sin.**

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Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

Exodus 34:6-7

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2. Love Mercy

- Hebrew word: *hesed*
- something you do for other people who have no claim on them.

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***Hesed* is not when you feel like doing it.**

We are to enjoy being merciful, kind, and loving to those around us.

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**“And should not you have had mercy
[hesed] on your fellow servant, as I had
mercy [hesed] on you?”**

Matthew 18:33

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***“hesed* is not only a matter of obligation but is also of generosity. It is not only a matter of loyalty, but also of mercy. It implies personal involvement and commitment in a relationship beyond the rule of law.”**

-W.E. Vine

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3. Walk Humbly with Your God

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- Hebrew word: *ṣāna*

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- modest, to fellowship with God without arrogance

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You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:16-17

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**Doing justice “is a way of loving mercy,
which in turn is a manifestation of walking
humbly with God”**

-James Luther Mays

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