



Grace

Comes First

Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 11:28-30

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God's Righteousness @ Christ's Expense

Gift Righteousness @ Christ's Expense

God's Riches @ Christ's Expense

“My grace is sufficient for you.” -Jesus

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New Living Translation (NLT)

47 “I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, **SO** she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”

English Standard Version (ESV)

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—**for** she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”



so/for = hoti

**Is it cause? or
Is it evidence?**



A statement of CAUSE:

The tree fell in the storm, **for** it was struck by lightning

A statement of EVIDENCE:

The tree fell in the storm, **for** I saw it happen.

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**The forgiveness of debt came first,
followed by the expression of love.**

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**The amount of love is followed by the
amount of forgiveness/grace.**

The background of the image is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a lake. The water is dark and reflects the sky. The shoreline is lined with dense, dark green trees. In the distance, there are faint outlines of hills or mountains. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, creating a somber and dramatic mood. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, greys, and deep greens.

Grace comes first!

**This is a Gospel-critical statement and
understanding!**

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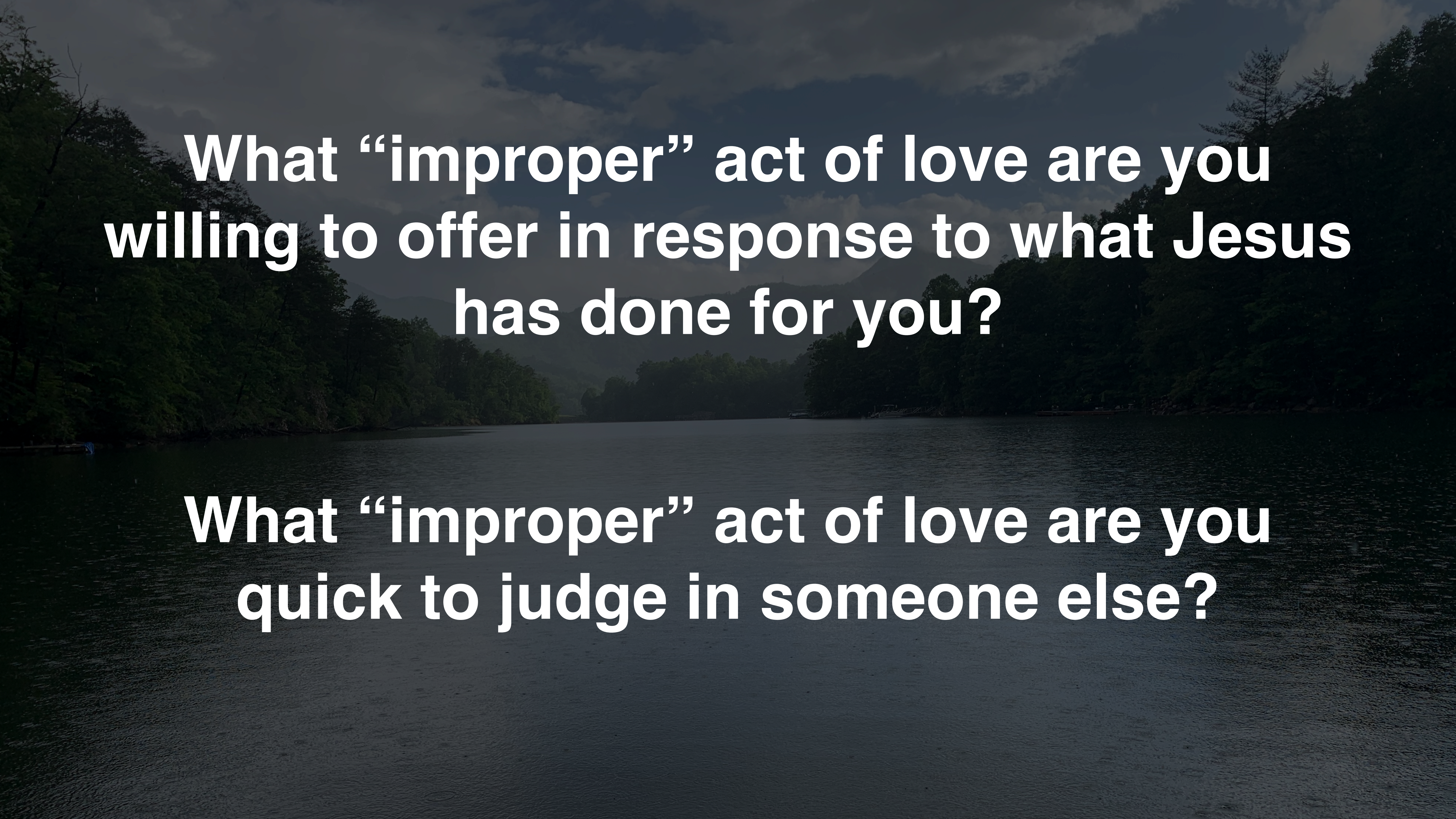
Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



**When I am prone to respond like Simon,
How do I receive and give grace in that
moment?**

**When I am confronted with my own sin,
how do I receive and give grace in that
moment?**

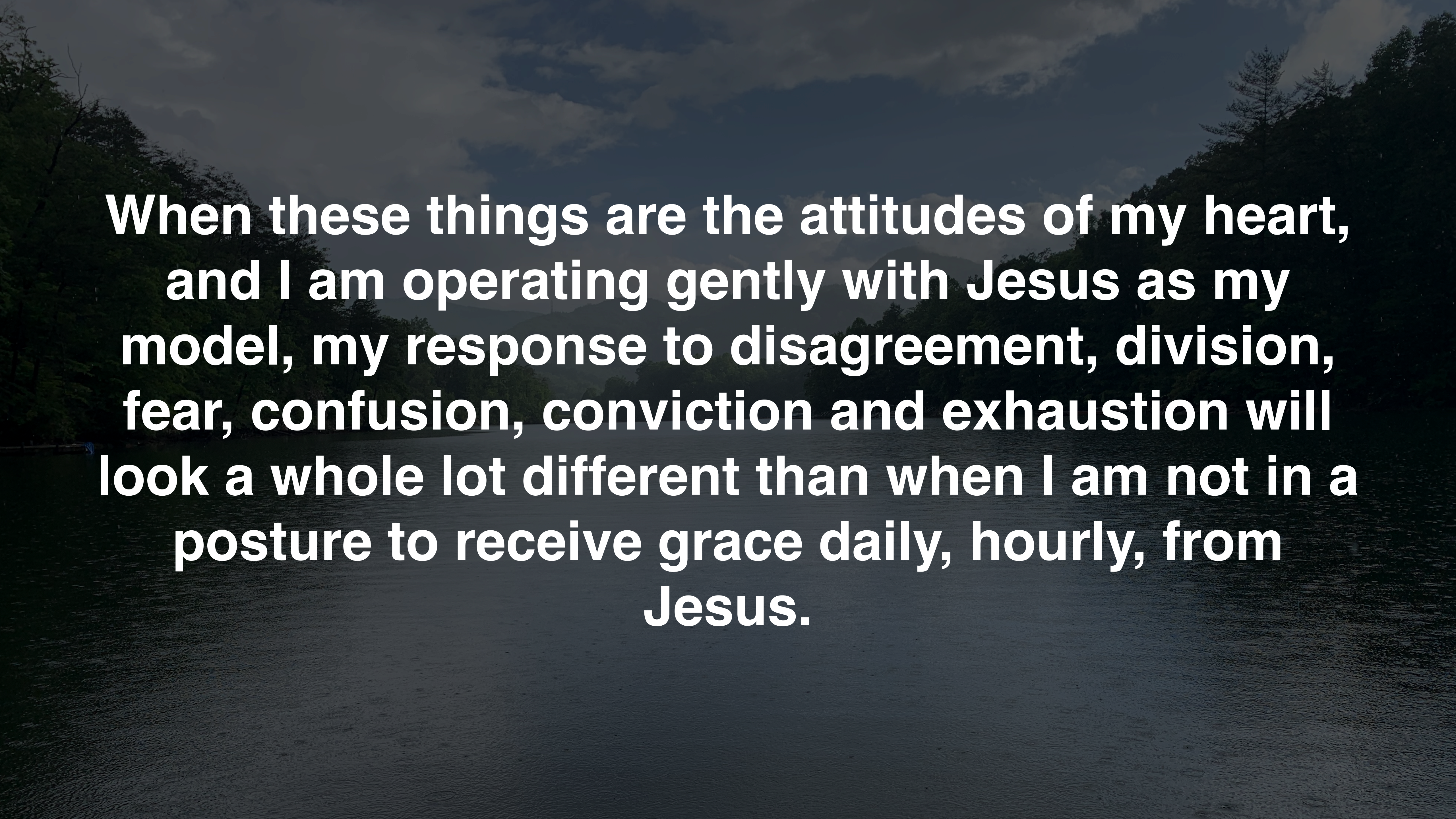
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**What “improper” act of love are you
willing to offer in response to what Jesus
has done for you?**

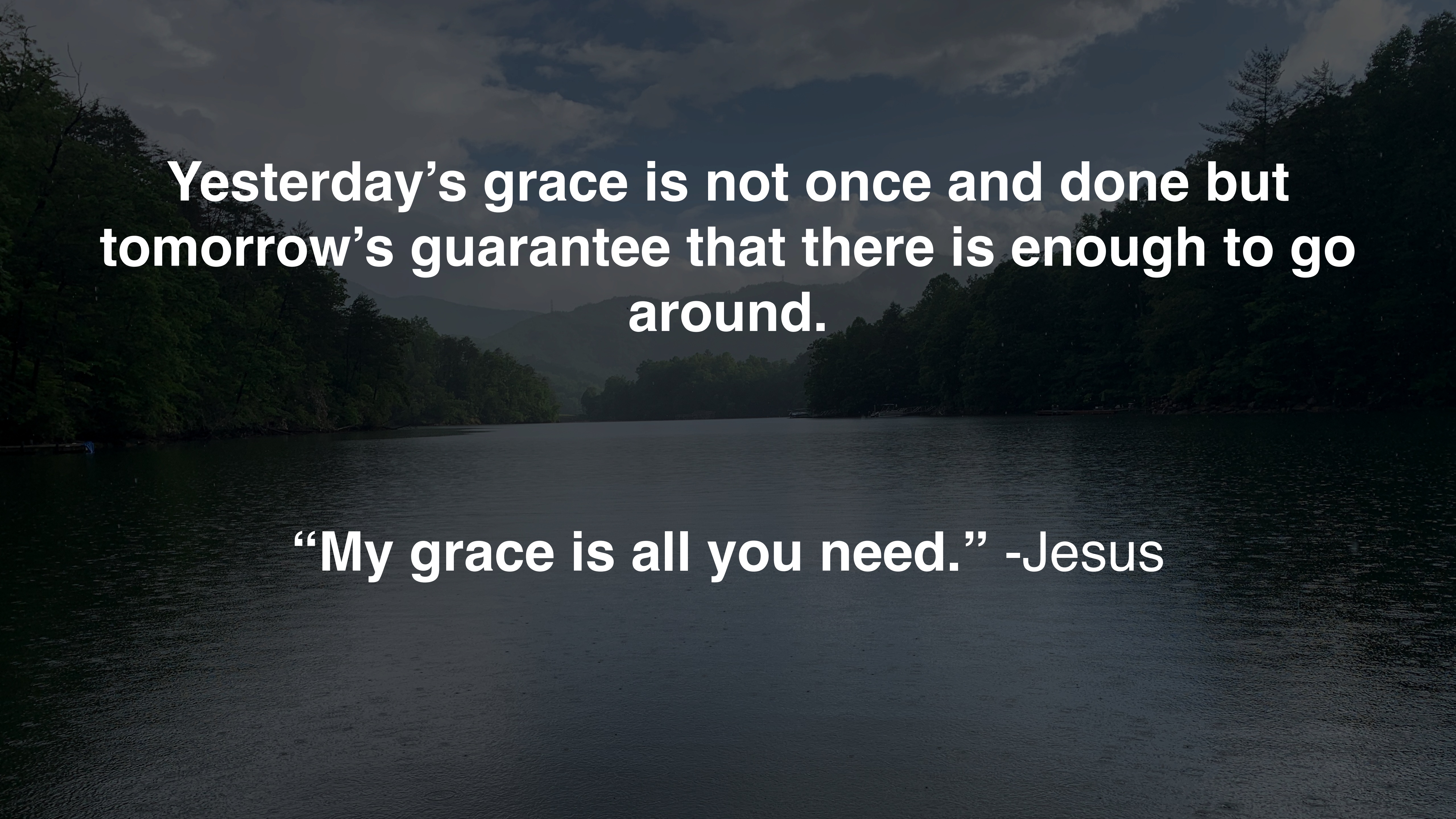
**What “improper” act of love are you
quick to judge in someone else?**

Matthew 11:28-29 (ESV)

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, **and learn from me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



**When these things are the attitudes of my heart,
and I am operating gently with Jesus as my
model, my response to disagreement, division,
fear, confusion, conviction and exhaustion will
look a whole lot different than when I am not in a
posture to receive grace daily, hourly, from
Jesus.**



**Yesterday's grace is not once and done but
tomorrow's guarantee that there is enough to go
around.**

“My grace is all you need.” -Jesus