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JESUS

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your heart, with all your soul
and with all your mind and with
all your strength. This is the 1st
and greatest commandment”

Jesus

(from Mark 12:30)

Israel, listen to me. The Lord is
our God. The Lord is the one and
only God. Love the Lord your
God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your
strength.

Moses

(from Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

How did Jesus do this?

- He knew the good pleasure of his father
(ref Matt. 3:17, his baptism)
- He spent time alone in prayer with his father
(ref. Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35, Matt 14:23, Luke 6:12, Luke 22:41-44)
- Cared for what the father cared about
(ref. Matt. 21:12-14, Luke 19:10,
- He was obedient even unto death (ref. Phil 2:8)

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I don’t do what I want to do.
Instead, I do what I hate...
What a terrible failure I am!
Who will save me from this sin
that brings death to my body?”

Paul

(Romans 7:15,24-25, niv)

The circle of ~~life~~ **Death**

**WE HIT
ROCK
BOTTOM**



**Starting
Point**

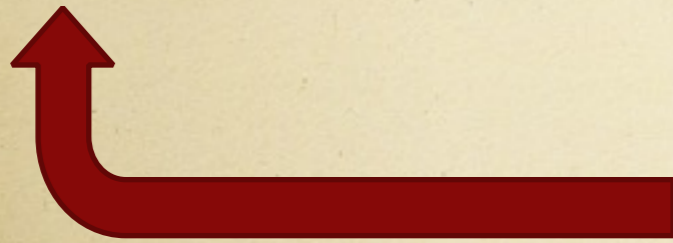


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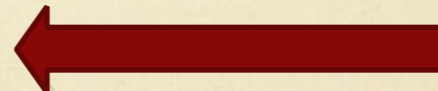
**discipline
guilt
or
accountability**



**Temporary
"Success"**



judgmental



Pride



Failure

**WE END UP GIVING UP/
DON'T CARE ANYMORE**



**more Guilt,
Shame, Despair**



Depression



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Abarbanel

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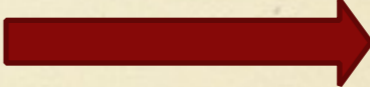
I give thanks to God who saves me. He saves me through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Paul

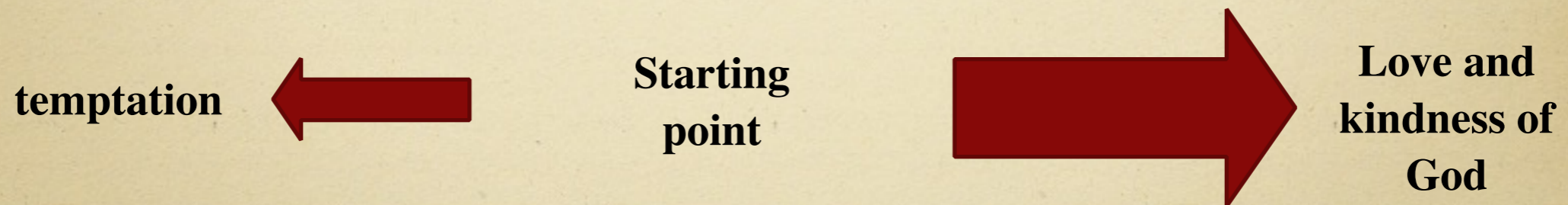
(Romans 7:15,24-25, nirv)

The solution: Grace

- Grace: the tangible expression of God's love and kindness, unexpected and unearned
- Learning to recognize God's grace in your life

Grace  Gratitude  Love

In this process temptation is weakened by the power of grace



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How can we be more like Jesus in this?

- Do you know the good pleasure of God,
your dad in heaven?
- Have you spent quality time with him
lately? Thanking him for the good things
he has given
- Do you spend time caring about what
he cares about?

The **WAY** of ~~life~~ ~~Death~~

**Starting
Point**

Grace

Gratitude

**Love and
kindness
of God**

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

(Jesus, Matt 11:28-30, The Message)



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