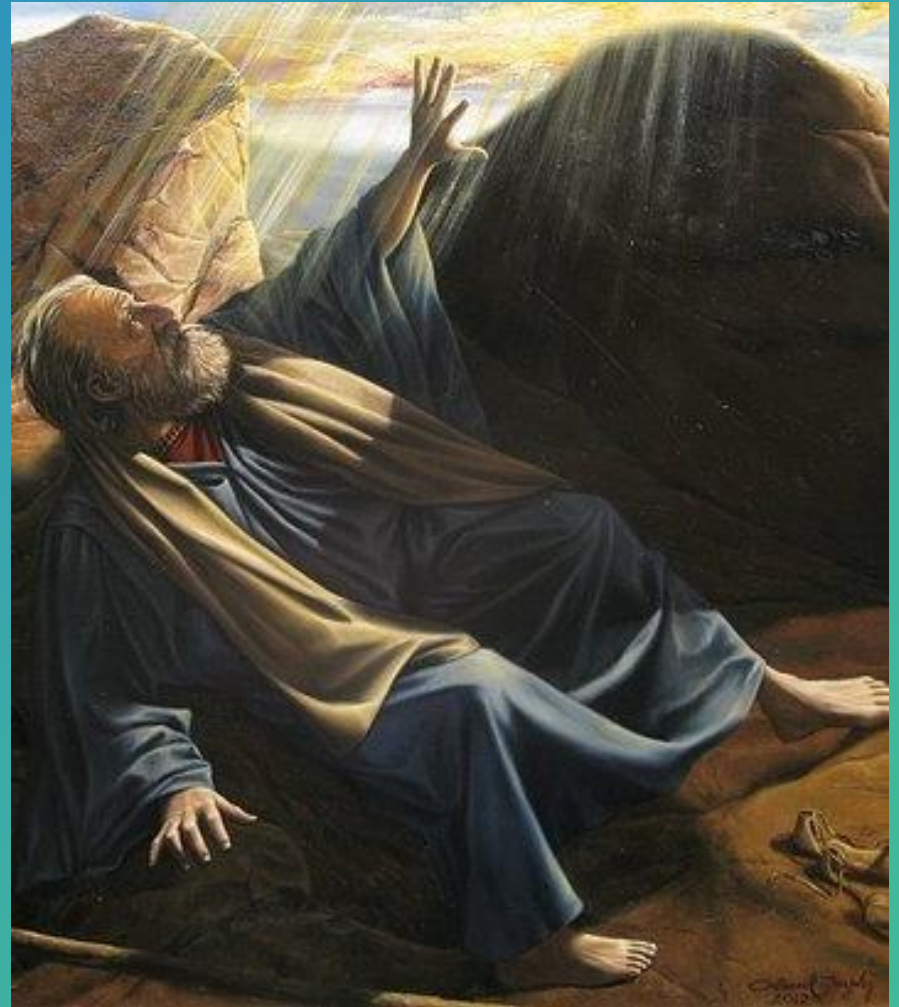




ME & MY BEST BUDDY
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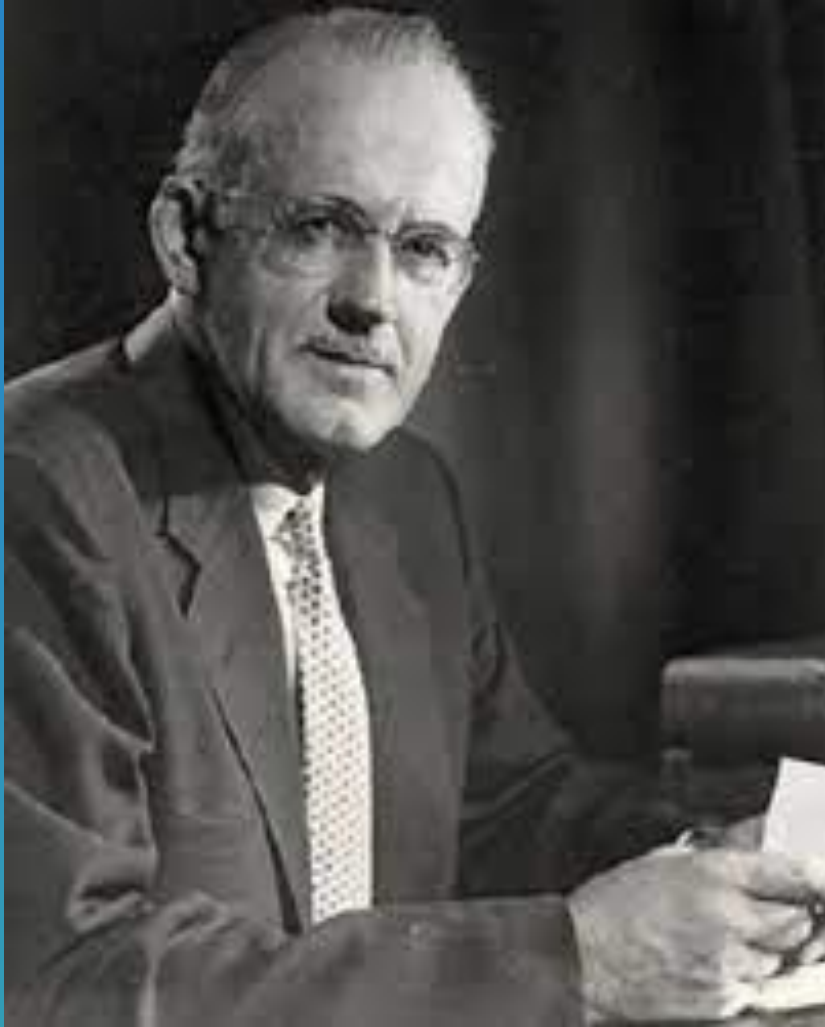
***“LET ME
SEE
YOUR
GLORY”***

***Compassionate
& Gracious***



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A.W. Tozer

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is **the most important thing** about us...Always **the most revealing thing** about **the Church** is her idea of God.”*

Theology – the Study
of who God is...

A top-down view of a wooden table. In the upper left, a white mug with a blue floral pattern contains coffee. In the center, an open Bible lies flat, with a hand holding a pen over it. The background is the natural wood grain of the table.

UNDERSTANDING GOD AS HE IS

Isaiah 44:9 (CSB)

Isaiah 44:20 (CSB)

He feeds on ashes. **His deceived mind has led him astray**, and he cannot rescue himself, or say, **“Isn’t there a lie in my right hand?”**

- We must be careful with what influences our ideas of who God is...
- We endeavor to know God in His entirety



Understanding God As He Is...

Exodus 34:6–7 (CSB) — 6 The LORD passed in front of him and proclaimed: The LORD—the LORD is a **compassionate and gracious** God, **slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth**, 7 **maintaining faithful love** to a thousand generations, **forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin**. But **he will not leave the guilty unpunished**, bringing the consequences of the fathers' iniquity on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.



Compassionate and Gracious

■ Compassionate/merciful

Psalm 78:38 (CSB) — 38 Yet he was compassionate; he atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them. He often turned his anger aside and did not unleash all his wrath.

■ Gracious

“unmerited favor”

A golden calf statue, a symbol of idolatry, stands on a stone base. The background is a solid blue color.

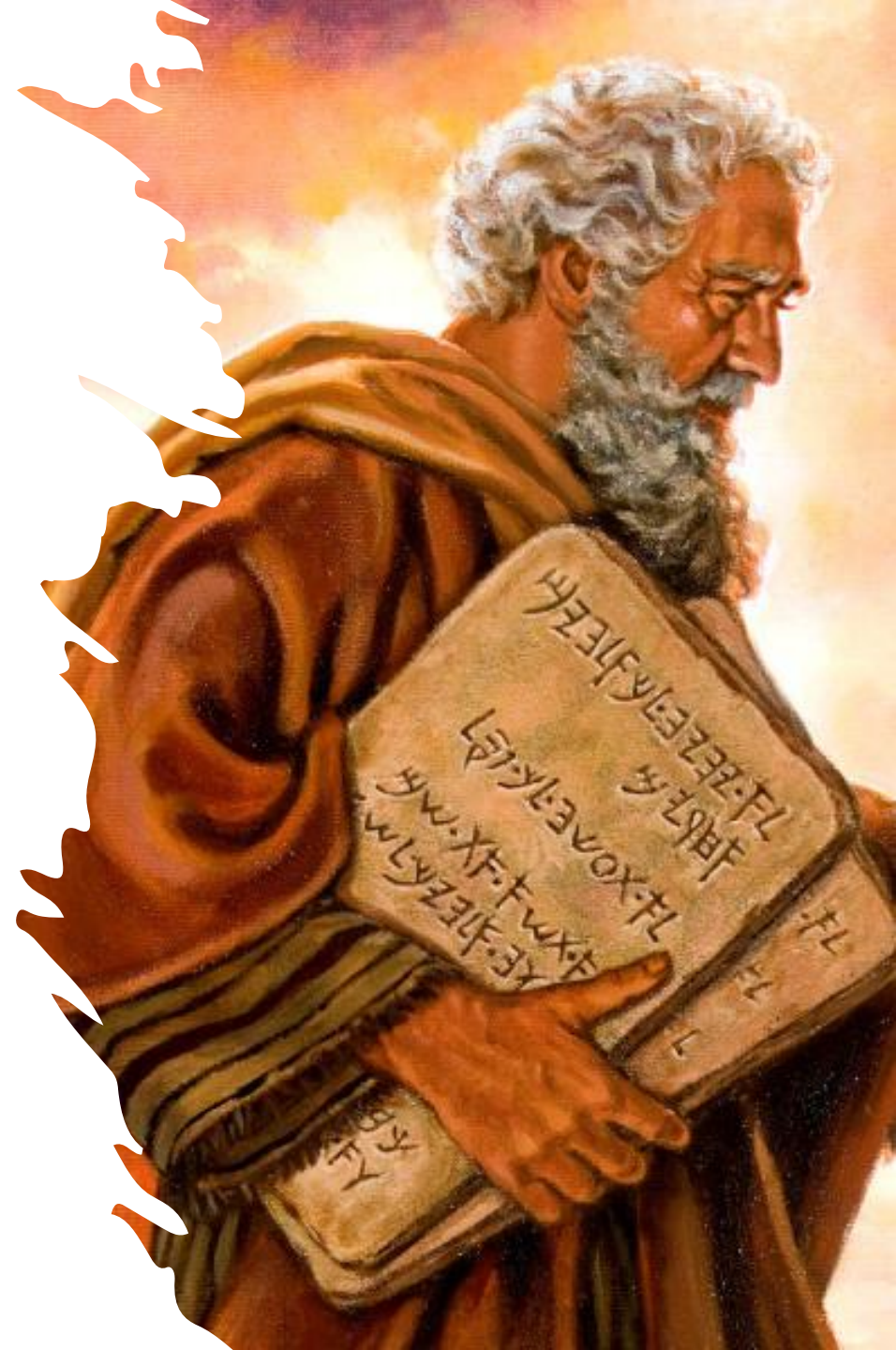
COMPASSION & GRACE AT SINAI

Exodus 32:9–10 (CSB) — 9

The LORD also said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and they are indeed a stiff-necked people. **10 Now leave me alone, so that my anger can burn against them and I can destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”**

Compassion & Grace at Sinai

Exodus 34:1 (CSB) The LORD said to Moses, “Cut two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.”





Compassionate and Gracious

- **God is not “uninterested” in us**
- **God’s Compassion and Grace manifests itself in *action***
- **God’s Compassion and Grace is *more valuable* than man’s**



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Compassionate and Gracious

Exodus 33:19 (CSB) He said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name ‘the LORD’ before you. **I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”**



Compassionate and Gracious

Joel 2:12–13 (CSB) — 12 Even now— this is the LORD’s declaration— **turn to me with all your heart,** with fasting, weeping, and mourning. **13 Tear your hearts,** not just your clothes, and **return to the LORD your God.** For he is **gracious and compassionate,** slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and he relents from sending disaster.



Compassionate and Gracious

Jonah 3:10–4:2 (CSB) — 10 God saw their actions—**that they had turned from their evil ways**—so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it. 1 Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious....That's why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. **I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God**, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster.



Compassion and Grace in Christ

Hebrews 1:3 (CSB) —
3 The Son is the
radiance of God's
glory and **the exact
expression of his
nature**, sustaining all
things by his
powerful word.