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Jesus shows us what it looks like to hold **grace and truth** together.

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"For though I am free from all, I have made myself **a servant to all**, that I might win more of them." **1 Corinthians 9:19** (ESV)

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