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Grace is **COMPELLING** when explained and **LIFE-CHANGING** when experienced.

Key Definitions:

GRACE is God's unmerited favor expressed to us in the perfect love and sacrifice of Jesus for our sin.

The **GOSPEL** is Good News that in and through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God makes us right with Him by grace for the good of others and the world.

Grace goes all the way **DOWN** to our weakness, suffering and sin. It meets our deepest **NEED**.

Grace goes all the way **UP** to our deliverance, now in part and completely in eternity. It gives us a place in God's **GLORY**.

GRACE < or > _____.

On September 18, 2003, **Genshin Fujinami**, 44, a Buddhist priest nicknamed the "Marathon Monk," finished a 7-year, 24,800-mile spiritual journey of enlightenment in the Hiei Mountains of Japan. **Once a monk starts this journey he must finish or kill himself.**

First 3 years = rise at midnight for 100 consecutive days to pray and run 18 miles per day, stopping 250 times to pray along the way.

Next 2 years, he must up his schedule to 200 days.

In the 5th year he must sit and chant mantras for nine days without food, water, or sleep in a trial called doiri, or "entering the temple."

In the 6th year, he must walk 37.5 miles every day for 100 days.

In the 7th year, he must run 52.5 miles for 100 days, 18 miles for another 100 days, and then complete a 234-mile trek back to his home base. **That is serious dedication . . . no doubt!**