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Grace is often misunderstood. Maybe because it's not that intuitive for a lot of us. We easily attach things to it, distort it, limit it or try to modify it to our own advantage in some situation that serves us best. This crazy, extreme story about Gomer gives us a picture of God's grace that is almost uncomfortable but in a good way. Seeing that He loves and pursues us THAT MUCH really is quite convicting when we consider the times we sin against Him. We're Gomer. Ouch! An accurate perspective of true grace is very important.

2. DECIDE NOT TO BE A GOMER

In Romans 6 Paul gets after the Roman church because they looked upon grace as a get-out-of-jail-free card. They were abusing the idea. They rationalized that grace is a good thing. When you sin, God gives us grace. Therefore we can sin freely because it increases God's grace. That's extreme but in some ways we are doing the same thing when we shrug at sin thinking – "I know I shouldn't do this, but I am going to do it anyway...and I know God will forgive me later." Again it is Paul who tells us in Galatians 6 "Don't be fooled. God is not mocked." The idea was not that Gomer would freely continue in her prostitution, but that there would be a realization eventually would allow God to set her free from the sin. Andy Stanley – one of the wisest teachers has made an entire teaching point based on one very powerful word. **DECIDE** to allow God's power to stop habitual willful sin in your life. **DECIDE** not to abuse God's grace but to be so thankful for it that it drives you to obedience and away from sin.



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