

# The Gospel According To . . .

*But Yeshua said, "Allow the little children, and don't forbid them to come to me; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these."*

Matthew 19:14 WMB

Be careful what you name your children. My son Shan's name means "grace"; he has taught me a powerful lesson about grace.

During Shan's childhood, his grandmother was very cruel to him and me. Being very traditional, she did not approve of her youngest child's choices, so Shan and I suffered her wrath for his father's decisions, as many innocent children often do.

However, Shan never gave up on his grandmother, loving her just as he did all the other women in his family who loved and cherished him. He would insist upon calling and writing his grandmother regularly, against my objections, and would send her gift and cards.

Then as a teen, Shan became severely ill. His chances of survival were minimal. We all prayed, including Shan's grandmother. Everyone except Shan, that is: he praised. Shan knew GOD would heal him.

Miraculously, GOD did just that. The greater miracle, though, was the healing of both our relationships with Shan's grandmother. His grandmother was so grateful that Shan was alive and well that it still brings tears to my eyes. She only lived about three years after that, but 'til her death, Shan was called her "good grandson" and the two of them enjoyed a beautiful bond that still blesses me today as a grandmother myself.

It was the grace that Shan showed his grandmother, and me that allowed GOD to heal that situation. Sometimes, grace takes time. In this instance, grace took a child. No matter what the situation, Grace always takes persistence.

*But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Messiah Yeshua, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:10-11 WMB*

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