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Somebody is sad that Mercy is not receiving what we deserve. That is punishment. But grace is receiving what we do not deserve. Let us receive it at Mercy is not receiving what we do deserve punishment, but grace is receiving what we do not deserve. Pleasant. Let's turn now to. The New Testament. And to the Gospel of John for a verse, John Council chapter one, verse 17 John 117. For the law is given by Moses, but grace and truth came. By Jesus Christ, now those have observed that something very interesting about. Of this verse in the original language. Are in some language other than English where we can see whether the verb is a plural or singular. In the English we lose the force of it because. We can't distinguish it, but in my Spanish Bible we read the grace and truth came added to verb in the singular. Not in the flora. Faith and truth came by Jesus Christ. Well, did the Holy Spirit make a mistake in grammar when He was guiding the penalty of Papa John? No one did. He did. He has his own grammar. And according to all his friends, grammar, grace and truth, and the person who Lord Jesus. We're not two things, but grace and truth. Just one thing. When a piece of cloth is woven that we have what the we would call a warp and the work of the club, the friends that are in her life and unless you have both. You don't have thought? Well, no, it was in a large case. Drive the grace and the truth. Answered to the walk and the work of a piece of fine cloth. They couldn't be separated. The one from the other. I think quite a few children here this evening and. I was signed to 11. How many letters in the word Jesus? Five. Yes, five. How many fingers on your head? 65 all right. Jesus. Just exactly so as soon as. Jesus. Just exactly to understand the very fact that His name is Jesus tells us that He is the Savior. For the word Jesus means grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Well, the first part of the verse tells us that the law was given by Moses, now Moses. Himself got condemned by the law, he lost his temper with the children of Israel, and he called him a bunch of rebels and he took the honor to himself that belonged to God when he said. Here are you, rebel. Must we bring you water out of this rock? Well, they were very thirsty, those people in their cattle. So the Lord left the rock, and abundance of water flowed out to satisfy their search. But he took Moses inside and said, look, you didn't honor me before the people, and now you're not going to get into the left. You're going to die on this side of the chart. I'm not going to let you go. So the winner gave them off himself could not go across. And of the promised Land, because he broke. So as Moses going to get across how much less the rest of us. Because we're all there and we've all come short of God's glory. We've all broken his holy laws. And even if we aren't, even if we are Gentiles and Moses law wasn't given to us, Gentiles nevertheless our Bible tells us.

That the law. Is profitable if it shares lawfully. They tell me that down in Mexico. The way the brother in approach people is on this wife, then he meets another on the trail, he's not safe and he says to his fellow Indian, do you know that you're a Sinner well. You start choosing the law lawfully on him and if the crew turn that he is and if it acknowledges that he is a Sinner when he tells him about how chase besides her Sinner. But if you want to acknowledge it. He lives in standing there and passes on. The law is all right if a man is lawfully. It's to be used to convex the sin to bring your back. I remember hearing from his own lips, that is from my brother Maximo Garcia in the Dominican Republic. How he got converted? He was a very strong young man, the grandson of a pure spanner on his mother's side, a tremendous fellow, and. A tremendous center one day find South in a little home up in the Hill Country in the Dominican public. And along came an evangelist preaching the gospel. Well, the evangelist sized up this tracker young fellow over there, and he heard a little bit about him, I suppose, and so he proceeded to use the law lawfully on it and bring the 10 commandments before it. As we brought out one commandment after another, and maximal Garcia gullier than ever and. By and by is the brother of the habit of doing. There they observed that somebody is paying close attention and very serious, they're liable to speak to them directly from the wherever they're standing in the room. We don't have things like this there very often. Well, how about you, Monsieur? Are you there well? They came from daughters. Well, it's all for me because. I've broken almost all of them, if not all of them. He thinks that he was Kelly Center. One month ago, how would you like to have all those sins forgiven? Well, if it were possible. Well, it's possible you're going to have your sins all forgiven. And he told him how he could. That Christ has suffered for sinners adjust for the unjust brings to God. That very day, this number one center of those hills. Experience that forgiveness is death. He is a married man after three children already boy perhaps six or seven years old. So I went home rejoicing and said to his wife Maria Francisco and Maria. That's my title, Mary. I'm safe. She's not even too long to take much stock in that, so he had to prove it. And the Dominican folk are very much inclined to make use of that verse forces truth is most to know today. By their fruits you shall know them. Now I hear somebody say I'm safe. As they say, we'll watch the tree a while until it kind of crisp bear, and then we'll tell whether they save or not. Over here she started watching this tree, see what kind of food it was on a bear. Well, she soon found out it was a new tree and it was very good fruit.

Mark Simar rather lay down some laws in the family. Not going to be anymore of this that nearly in this household we're going to serve the Lord. It took a firm outright status in the beginning, and God bless him, he's only a very short time until Maria discovered that she needed salvation as much as her husband and she got saved. Well, it's gone unhappy many years and they're 83 grandchildren, 12 Children, 83 grandchildren and 12 in-laws and a flock of great grandchildren coming up. That quite a congregation. All of this by the grace of God. And it's wonderful to see how. God's grace is working among the poor people of this world. The trouble with us folks living in the United States is that we are satiated. We're absolutely satiated with everything under the sun as the heart of man can wish for. We have comfort multiplied to us until we're utterly spoiled and. The folks down there, they hear about people up here and they think we're all millionaires. And that the \$5 bills were on trees and all you have to do is pick them off. And that's their concept of us. Well, we're not too far off, but I remember the day back in 1929 and 30 and we had the Great Depression in this country and when all of us had to tighten our belts and keep them tightened for quite a long while. You all, you all know that at that time we were prospering more spiritually. And then we are today because we didn't have a material thing to enjoy that we have now in our spiritual effort was better while we're digressing a little bit from the thing blowing on here. With the Lord Jesus as we found them. Of Grace and let's go to chapter 4. John 4. Let's read, save time, converse to 13 and John 4. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall

never start. But the water that I shall give in shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman said unto him, Sir, give me this water that I search not, neither come hit her to draw. She finally had enough confidence to ask him for that water that he had promised. Jesus said to her, Go call my husband and come hit her. Alone answered and said I have no husband. Jason telling her dogs well said I have no husband and so on. We would like to look at a few passages where we see in the Lord Jesus. These two qualities have been made, so speak grace and truth, he said to the woman. Call my husband and come hit her. Well, he knew her altogether, but he said come, that was great. When she confessed she had no husband, he told her all about herself. To her great surprise, well, that was true. The Lord drew her. As he has drawn. US. Giving us the invitation to come. And at the same time, he exposes to us what we are. Not only God can do that. He exposes the center, but at the same time he draws it. The Law of Moses never did that. There's a little defect in our King James Bible in Galatians 3 where it says. If we look at in the moment, the words you're in italics to keep us from falling in the air, but in Galatians 3.

We see there. In verse 24. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster. Now notice the words to bring us are in our text. They were inserted by the translators, and they're not there in the original at all. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster unto Christ. We might be justified by faith. That's the way it should read. But if we read it here with the inserted word changes the meaning. Wherefore the law is our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. Well, I thought so, as we all know in our experience. The law never brought anybody to crime. The law was given the brain conviction is there. The law was added for the sake of transgression, and the law doesn't work peace with God. The law works right. Raise the judgment of God down on our defensive hand. But the law of our schoolmaster until cracked to Christ. Well, what was the lesson the schoolmaster was teaching man and the Jews? Why he was trying to teach malady was a lost Sinner. That was a lesson the law was ditching and the time came when the when the large agents was sent and then. The schoolmaster was no longer leader after that. Faith has come. We're no longer under schoolmaster. The Lord Jesus brought salvation to us. The law never brought salvation to anybody. Well. The Lord didn't apply the law to this gentlewoman. He spoke to her and grace and truth, so that her heart was attracted. Finally, when she tells him the only thing that she knew about God for certain, verse 25, the woman says unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ. When he has come, he will tell us all things. And she spoke out what she knew that was the limit of her. What shall we say? That was the limit of her intelligence and prescription? Well, as soon as she said that, the Lord Jesus gave her the answer to her soul. Later Jesus said unto her, I that speak on the day, and he hardly speak in thee. That was the truth. But unto thee that was great. The Lord Jesus wasn't revealing to the Jewish religious leaders. That he was in crime, he had said, and done enough for them to believe and they wouldn't believe. But if it may use the word for lack of a better he condescended to speak to this woman. I could speak on his knees under a thing like you. And the so great strong in their heart. And she went away in the city. Laid in the water pot behind it. She brought it out there to throw the water and carried her out. That's another thing we have in our day is water pipe to every point in the house where we want it under a good working pressure. 4050 sixty pounds per square. But the American Republic and in the good many places in tonight, we can still carry the water from the pump or out of the strain. And the Dominican Republic, that's the ladies job and the girls should carry the water. You never see the one of the boys carrying water. I don't even do it. The girls from the time they're little, they start out with about a A1 gallon can on their little head and then they put a leaf off of a big plant that put a big leaf in the top of it and that serves to keep the water from splashing over because you don't have any left. And as the child grows. They get a bigger and bigger cat until finally, when they're young women, they carry 5 gallons. And 60 lbs of water there about. 4740 odd pounds of water on their head. My brother known various drugs. How wrecked all the women were. They had to be elected during that water in their head. How do you like to carry water in your head? That's the mile to your house as many times a day as you need it. 5 gallons of water. What is that?

Well, this woman left a water plunge. She forgot all about it. Because. The Lord Jesus Christ and fill her heart. She was just full work. 29 Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the crime? Then they went out of the city and came unto him. Have you ever thought that? The ***** that felt the evangelist did in Samaria later on. Followed the the showing that the Lord Jesus did that day. In the heart of this woman. When Felt the Evangelist came along years later, these Samaritans were prepared in heart to receive the gospel. And many, I would say. Well, if we go on here to Chapter 5. We see grace and truth again in the Lord Jesus. And this time, it's a man. Chapter 5. Verse two. Now there is a Jerusalem by the shape mark of the pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five portraits. Worth 5 and a certain man was there which had an infirmity 30 and eight years, when Jesus saw him alive and knew that he had been now a long time. In that case he said under him. Will thou be made whole? The impotent man has to insert. I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me in the pool, but while I'm coming another step is down before me. And Jesus said unto him, Rise, take us thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man's main hall, and took up his bed and walked. Now, verse 14. Afterward, Jesus fought him in the temple. And better than him behold thou art made hope then no more. Let the worst thing come on to me. Evidently this man's infirmity. Was a testament from God. Because he had sinned, as the Lord Jesus said to him, Sinned no more, unless the worst thing come unto me. Well, the Lord governmentally forgave his sins. Why take up your bed and want He was healed perfectly. But afterwards, when the Lord found him in the temple, he said, Behold, thou art made whole sin no more, unless the worst thing come to me. Well, again, that was grace and truth. Grace regarding the sin, but truth admonished him. To be careful. From now on out, let's the worst thing before it. The Lords words with grace. We're all safe, and you saw. Now we go to. Chapter 8. John's Gospel, chapter 8. Um. The scribes and Pharisees thought they would. Get the large incident of trap so if you could have something to accuse him of. And verse five we see that they quote the law of Moses to him. Now Moses, Willah commanded us, that should be strong, but what they're stopped according to law of Moses Jesus. This person should be thrown to death, but what have you got to say about? Oh, now we've got it. Now we've got it.

And he says, no, no, let it go. Oh, so you're making light of sin, are you? Now, now I know what kind of man you are. On the other hand, is that yes daughter today? Oh, but you've been going around forgiving people there, and now you say don't this poor creature, they're not showing any mercy like you did to the other. Well, Needless to say. When people. Confronted the large Asus. They were confronting the one of whom it has said the Lord is a God of marriage by him actions that way. He weighed up the situation and he answered them. First dipping down and riding with his finger on the ground, and as they continue depressing, verse seven says he lifted up himself and sent him to them. That is, without ceremonial letting first count it's doughnut. The Law of Moses, Holy John and God. And the man said that public center. And then fraction in this case is to be met with start. But which of you is capable? Of carrying a sentence and execution. Which of you is without sense? And again he took down and rolled on the ground. Now we do not know what the large agents wrote, but we are very certain of this, that he was not idly. Moving his finger in the dark, he was riding something. And some have thought that it was the same finger moving that was moving when the 10 words were written on the two tables of stone written with a finger of gone. Whatever the Lord wrote on the ground, and he wrote twice, once and again, whatever he wrote on the ground. Was for those accusers to look at. And read. And he had said, he that is without sin among you, but he first cast the stone out. Well, if it was the law of Moses that he'd written down. There was what God required of every two everyone. Make a look at it and judging part of them. What was the result? They returned being convicted by their own

conscience, without 1 by 1 beginning at the end. Why did the oldest man go out first? Because he had the most sense. Whatever Jason said, written on the ground and whatever registered in that country. Get the oldest man in the heart. And out he went, The red found one by one until there wasn't a single accuser left. Well. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. The truth evacuated the place of all those merciless accusers. And Greg left the poor woman back. He's there with the Lord. And when Jesus had lifted up himself and brought none with the woman, he said unto her, woman, where are those united killers? Half no man condemns it. Well, they're all gone. She's had no man, Lord. And Jane had said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee. Go and say no more. Neither do I condemn it right. Go and sin no more. True words are great things, and so it's most refreshing as you read through the gospel. To notice the grace and truth that always exhibit themselves in the large ages, and they're always inseparable. The cure all is fine together. Even when it came to the large, sharpest enunciation against the Pharisees, He gave him a chance first to examine and be safe, and when they wouldn't heed, at last He had to tell him, I tell you the truth.

One thought of that solemn word that the Lord speaks to God and Ezekiel chapter 38 all God, I'm against thee. What a terrible thing it is when. The living God has to say to a Sinner, I'm against it. Woe to that man. To whom God has to say, I'm against you. I speak reverently. Man drives God to the point of having a judgment. Or, as we say, he forces God's head. Because we learn time and time again reading the word of God that is rich in market, that is going to lead man to repent, that he's not willing that any should bear it, but all should come to repentance. Jonah got mad at the Lord because. When he did go to Nineveh and praises the Lord had been him instead of running off the Tarshish and the ship. When he did go and preached yet 40 days, and then we should be overthrown. Why all the people repented from the king on down to the peasant, and then God repented him of the evil, and she said he would do and further city. So John was exceeding this place. And he went out outside the city and sat down there and got himself a booth, a little shelter of little children of 6 and whatnot. And God prepared a nice guard, and it flourished and set up its copious foliage and protected Jonah's hair from the blazing Oriental stunt. So he sat there to see what happened to the city. He wanted to say none of the destroyed because. He has prophesied within 40 days God with his choice, his reputation was going to suffer. Johnny he was completely out of tune with the Lord. So the next day the Lord prepared a worm, and the worm went over there to the lid of the guard. And in and on. And then the lovely forage that cover is little boots all dried up. And then the Lord prepared a vehement E wind, an Oriental hot wind on the desert, with a good hot oil stuff, until Jonathan was like to die from sunstroke. And then the Lord spoke to him. Jonah. You read compassion on the poor Lord that grew up in a day and perished in a day and shouldn't I have compassion on these 120,000 people that don't even know their right hands on their left and the thought much cattle and there was like a Jonah Ant for the large question, but to John and John allowed to think about it. Our merch will God in our reluctant. To strike down that in judgment. Remember our late brother Hale say that he did not believe that God ever struck down the center without giving him at late 2 warnings and he was quoting the book of Job. God speaks once the age one and then just says no. There have been men who have been saved and God has spoken to them, not just once or twice. But general cut. This center knows that in his own case. He had the gospel faithfully given to him as a boy or young man not less than three times. And it feels every time. And if the Lord had left his center to his desert, he wouldn't be saying any night. Would be also aware of some work are already in the 5th. So God spoke once more and opened his heart right now.

Yes, God is rich and mercy, rich and mercy. With great love, worthy love. What a blessing it is, boys and girls, to be born into a conference. So the Bible on one hand and the M book and the other. You know, the boys and girls down at the mainstream public and down in Bolivia. El Salvador. They're born with nothing in their right hand and nothing in their left, and many of them grow up and live and die. There's nothing in their right hand and nothing in their left. But you're born here with a Bible in one hand, in the hymn book and the other, and every Christian privilege under heaven. And you hear the word of God day in and day out, the blessed word of God that can save your soul. Are you taking it in and believing it because it's for you? It's for you? Remember the Lord Jesus spoke about. People that were going to be. They're going to be punished with a whip. And he said those that didn't know their last as well, they be punished with a few strikes. But those that knew their match as well and didn't do it, they'd be punished with many. I suppose that means that the poor heathen that has never heard the good news of salvation. And have committed sin are not going to be punished in very many crimes. But those who got from Christian families and don't give heed to God's word. Don't receive a large agent as a savior. They're going to be punished and and get many strikes. Their punishment will be more severe because God tells us the more likely have. The more responsible that we are. We see that in everyday life, but now. If somebody in Southern California that lives there all the time. Runs a red traffic light. But pretty soon the cop catches up with him and does, let me sit here, drivers license and he has his little book and puts the fire license from a little clip up there. And he starts writing out his tickets. And I'm supposed somebody instead of Washington is driving in California. And he runs a red light in a strange place and the cop calls him up. He said 45. You see your driving classes well. Oh, it's madness. Mr. Washington, how long have you been here? Well, Sir, I just got in. I don't know the streets very well. And I was looking for a house number. And I'm sorry, I didn't mean to run the red light. I was trying to look at myself. Well, let's take his booking and say, well, we understand, but. Well, keep your eyes open and don't let it happen again, and you can go now. So the traffic cop, he makes a difference between the one who knows the rules and the one who doesn't, you see Well. God makes the difference between those who have much life and those who have little. Now we want to go over to another illustration of God. Dealings with men in Acts chapter. 9. Acts Chapter 9. First one, and so yet breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of Lord, went under the high priest and desired him letters to Damascus, to the synagogue, if he found any of this way or the way, whether they were men or women, you might bring them bells on the truth forever. Does he journey? He came here, Damascus, and suddenly they're shining out about him and life in heaven. He fell to the earth and heard a voice saying him in. Saw so why weren't you good as thou means? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? Lord said I am Jesus whom thou persecuted. It is hard for thee to kick against the British.

The knee trembling in the sunny steps. Lord, why? Without having to do the Lord telling him, arise and go into the city, and it should be told me what God must do. No. Verse 10. A certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias. And the end said the Lord in the vision and not. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said. Unto him arise and go into the street, which is called straight, and inquiring the House of Judas for one, call Saul outside. But behold, he prayed, and had seen in the vision a man named Anna Knight coming in and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sighs. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I've heard from many of this man how much evil he's done to thy thing at Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to find all that call in thy name. At the Lord tell them, go thy way, for He is a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name before the Gentile and King as a joint of Israel. So I will show him how great things he must suffer the My name says. This is perhaps the most striking example. In the whole word of God. Of his grace. Being extended to a Sinner. Here was the greatest enemy of Christ, whoever lived. This young man, Paul, made it his business to arrest Christians, to drag him off to jail and when they were put to death. To get his vote against. He was so extremely mad against them that it didn't suffice him to arrest all the Christians he could find in his own land of Judea. There he has pocket full of letters to go to the distance city of Domestic, the capital of Syria, and the rest of them there, and drag them off the drizzle. It seems that the Roman authorities who were over the whole country. Dense metal with the

Jews administration of their own several matters and so these Jews were. Taking these Christians prisoners and killing them, and the Roman government wasn't doing anything about it. In fact, Pilate wanted to sidestep responsibility for judging Christ by saying you to as well. You take him and judge Him according to your love. You think he should die according to your love? Well, execute the citizens. But dog members in that and they said, no, it's not lawful for us to put anybody to death because it's already prophesied in the word of God and that Jesus would die by crucifixion. I pierced my hand and my feet. But here Public Enemy number one of the Lord Jesus Christ and the worst Sinner ever lived. He called himself the chasing sinners. He never gave up the title. He never relinquished the title to anybody else. Christ Jesus came in the world to say, sinners of whom I am not what whom I am keep. Hugged. I know how terribly a large job with him. He said Saul, Saul, white pressure could have found me. And the tone of his wife. Would have modified also the word that he spoke. If we've been the Lord, we'd have doubtless said. You miserable rebel. I'm going to bring it to Chris.

I remember an old man at night that called us out and he was a boy in Ireland of about 15. Because the the large dangle me over the pit and I could smell smoke. Magnum There was a bit of a small smoke and then he was being convicted of his death. You know, we were better than came to the Lord. He didn't want to drop into hell. Well, here the Lord suddenly meet this man in the height of his fanatical race. You can't assume it's just a question. So why do you persecuting? Well, John knew that this is God speaking to it. The life that's shown upon him, as he mentioned to King Agrippa was above the brightness. Of the noonday sun. It was the glory life. Forth, the Lord acknowledged him as Lord, but confessed his ignorance. All his religion has been completely useless. He didn't know who the Lord was. And Jesus replied, I am Jason. Now he mentions his name. I am Jesus whom God friendship. It is hard for me to kick against the prank or for a long time I didn't know what that meant and. Eventually when I saw them goating the ark. But they are frowned. Then I understood. A young ox when he's put into the oak for the first time, he's rebellious. He's never had a yoke on his neck and he doesn't intend to move way but but the the plumber has a has a long stick and 10 feet long. And on the point of the 6th is fastened an iron or steel sharp point. And he takes that and jabs the ox in the flank and. So the young oxy kick, kick. So the plan was Jazzing again. It kicks jazzing again. And the more he kicks, the more he gets jammed. And then finally he stepped forward. He's got to go. It's just as though the large test is all the grace of consideration. Yes, I know. So it's hard here to kick against the fix, but from now on, you're not going to go your way. You're my service, you're my odds now on you're going to go my way. So it might just as well stop kicking against the script if you don't go my way. How considerate was the largest to say that to this man? And I wondered whether. The conscience of Soul was aroused and tall at the time. He held the clothes of those that were stoning, saving the deck this young man made himself. He held the outer rope of the older man who threw them off so that they could take the stones and her own Mcsteven. There's more. I wondered whether it's all darkness, beholdings, and hearing him say. I see the heavens open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God and then hearing his prayer, Lord Jesus. And again. Lord, laying out this night, I wondered whether that didn't enter some in Willy nilly into the heart of God and. Italy. Well, God knows, but chase itself in the corner of the city and you'll be told what you must do. Now the Lord had this poor disciple Ananias there. Toby appeared in a vision and sent him to Saul, and as soon as that, and I have heard that he was to go look up that fellow, he hastened to inform the Lord, to tell the Lord about him. But Lord doesn't know how this man. Well, he's got a Commission here from the Jay praise to find everybody that calls on by name and I'm heard by many about this man. How much eagerly done have I spent in Jerusalem. He really thought he should inform the Lord about this though Lord doesn't criticize analyze for.

The superfluous information again, he just said go your way, for he is a chosen vessel to me. To bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the Chong of Israel. Adani gets informed about something that had never entered into his heart. You can see that this number one enemy of Christ people was a chosen vessel to the Lord. So we're thin around this grace and much more abound. And then verse 16, I will show him how great things he must suffer. For my name. Is the principle of the word of God that whatsoever man thought is actually also read now the Lord Jesus really forgave. So all he said judicially he was fully forgiven and could never come into judgment any more than you and I if we're on the shelter, the precious blood of Christ. We can never come into justice, but I will show him how great things he must suffer. From my name says in what Paul suffered as Christ ambassador. He got back in his own body what he's given to others. He got persecution, He got the whip. He got almost every form of persecution that amended could be saved and still be alive in his body. Well, it's all the way through. With our Lord Jesus Christ, grace and truth, just in that perfect balance that can't be seen anybody else but in him. Go on through your go on through your New Testament and you have some time and just trace the Lord Jesus manifesting grace and truth in all of his dealings with people. It's delightful and it can occupy us for good many hours. And it will make us appreciate that much more than He's our Lord Jesus Christ.

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