

God's Grace is Sufficient

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Foundation Scriptures

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1. God's grace is sufficient

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If we do everything in our own strength - then God cannot show His grace and His strength in our lives - when we fall short and are weak He comes in and fills in the gaps.

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV) “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.”

The word of God is incorruptible and lives and abides forever.

And this reminds me of The Parable of the Growing Seed – who is familiar with this parable? It is found in Mark 4:26-29

Mark 4:26-29 (NKJV) “And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

From an **evangelistic point of view:**

- Our Job is to Share
- God Does the Miracle
- Growth Happens Quietly
- There Will Be a Harvest

As it says in

Romans 1:16 (NKJV) “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

It is so important to remember and stress it is Jesus that saves (not us), but we are His vessels He moves through when we with God’s grace faithfully share His message of salvation

Practical Application – What is an area in your life where you are trying to do everything with your own smarts and knowhow – perhaps you need to ask God to help you. God’s grace is sufficient!

2. God wants to encourage us

Joshua 1:9 (NIV) “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

The Gospel is full of LIFE – because it is full of Jesus and Jesus is LIFE!

The focus of The Gospel is Jesus. And Jesus, He is LIFE in the purest form. When we share the Gospel - Jesus is lifted up! It’s all about Jesus from start to end

These next four scriptures really emphasis this!

John 1:4 (NIV) “In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”
This verse establishes from the very beginning of John’s Gospel that the essential nature of Jesus (“the Word”) is life itself.”

John 6:63 (NIV) “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”
Jesus explicitly identifies His own message and words as the direct source of spiritual life.

John 10:10 (NIV) “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
Jesus summarizes His mission as bringing an abundant, thriving existence to those who follow Him.

John 14:6 (NIV) “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
Jesus declares that He does not just point to life or give rules; He embodies the life offered in the gospel.

Practical Application – going back to Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous – what is God asking you to do that may seem challenging at the moment – I encourage you to step out in faith and tackle this challenge head on – “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

3. Keep your thoughts active and open to the voice of God

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV) “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ we cast down arguments, imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, we bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

Focus on the things of God – I think the more word we have in us – that is the more we meditate on, speak out and read the Word – the more likely we are going to bring every thought captive to the obedience of God.

Then when God leads and directs us – we are more likely to follow His directions and leading – and actually recognise Him leading us.

James 4:8 (NKJV) “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

Practical Application – What could you do to keep your thoughts active and open to the voice of God in a greater way than you are at the moment. Are you missing God when He is trying to nudge you in a certain direction.

4. God calls both the bad and the good

Matthew 22:9-10 (NKJV) “Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

- **The Parable of the Wedding Feast:** Jesus shares this story to explain the Kingdom of Heaven. A king prepares a wedding banquet for his son.
- **The Invitation:** When the originally invited guests refuse to come, the king tells his servants to go out to the main roads and invite everyone they meet—reaching all people regardless of their background, status, or moral record.

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The root of salvation is faith – faith in Jesus. It is never works. Faith is the root and works are the fruit that follows.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

John 4:35 (NKJV) “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

Practical Application

How can we apply this in our lives – who is God asking you to reach out to? Will you say to God - “Send me!”