God's Provision Through Grace and Faith

Grace is receiving what you don't deserve.

Mercy is not receiving what you do deserve.

Faith is your trust and confidence in the finished work of Jesus that produces a response.

Having a revelation of grace always produces the peace "of" God in your soul.

It's this peace that "knows" in your soulish realm that everything is going to be alright. This is the highest quality of life we can experience.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you are saved through faith (or your trust and confidence in what Jesus did for you at the cross. Grace came first and that gave you the faith or trust for your salvation. His grace produced your trust.

The second you were born again your faith or confidence level was the weakest it's ever been. However, it was at this point that the greatest demonstration of grace took place in your life.

It's never been about you. It's always been about Jesus!

1 Peter 1:9 What is the end of your faith? It's our trust or confidence you have in your soul or heart that everything is going to be alright. It's the revelation that God's grace has covered all external pressure that attacks you mind. It's this peace that produces rest and peace of mind.

Hebrews 10:38-39 and Hebrews 11:1 You draw back in fear from the external pressures of life in the soulish realm. The reason we draw back is because our mind is not renewed to the truth that God's grace has made provision for everything we'll ever need.

The Five Areas of Our Lives

Spiritual Emotional Physical Social Financial

Each of us deal with these five areas everyday of our lives 24/7. God's grace has completely provided for abundance in each of these area of life. As we renew our minds to the truth of the Word and get a revelation of the power of grace in our lives, our trust increases and peace rules our heart. The mental anguish of fear and lack is replaced with confidence in Jesus, the One that has provided everything.

"If God would hold you over the middle of the ocean and dip you in the water and pull you out, the amount of water that it took to get you wet is the amount of grace you experienced. However, the amount of water that's left is the amount of grace that's available to meet your needs."

When we don't "know", we draw back to our own destruction. When we "know", we're not destroyed.

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge".

Hebrews 10:38-39 We draw back in our soulish realm because our soul is not renewed to the truth of the Word.

Renewing our soul is the same as "the saving of the soul".

Perdition: destruction

When our soul draws back we began to destruct. Renewing our soul or "the saving of the soul" gives us the ability to have faith or confidence.

Hebrews 11:1 NOW faith or confidence is... Faith or trust cannot come without knowledge. Knowledge is the saving of the soul to the truth of the finished work of Jesus. This trust or confidence causes my hope to turn to substance.

Birth or Abort

James 1:2-4 Verse 1 when you face tests and trials not if you face them.

Verse 2 when tests and trials try your faith or confidence, your victory is determined by the degree of patience that is worked out.

Verse 3 patience is a woman. If patience is feminine then faith must be the masculine. The words "perfect work" means to carry to full term. When a man and woman come together and conception takes place she becomes pregnant and if she carries the child to full term, she gives birth. However, when a child is lost or aborted before full term, the dream dies.

When we face tests and trials, our degree of confidence in the finished work of Jesus determines whether or not we give birth or abort the dream inside of us.

Jarius and the Woman with the Issue of Blood

Mark 5:21 Jarius, a ruler of the synagogue, besought or begged Jesus

NOTICE

He was a ruler.

He was very wealthy.

He had never begged for anything.

He and his wife had a daughter that was 12 years old.

His job description was to make sure everyone did it right.

People were afraid of him. He had the right to have them put to death.

Jarius was facing two serious problems.

- 1. His daughter of "12" years was dying
- 2. Begging Jesus put his job on the line. He would lose everything; his wealth, his authority, his power, his status in the community, everything.

However, "if" he could get Jesus to come to his house under the cover of night, he just might get Jesus to heal his daughter and leave before anyone found out that he had "begged" him. All was well until that woman stopped Jesus about her issue of blood!

The Issue of Blood

Mark 5:25 She had an issue of blood for 12 years.

Remember how old Jarius' daughter was? She was 12 years old.

The reason for blood issues at this time was still birth or miscarriage. She and her husband and Jarius and his wife probably kew each other and had been pregnant at the same time. The problem was that she lost

her

baby and Jarius' baby lived.

Jarius had to pronounce her, the family friend, UNCLEAN. He was responsible

to see that no one touched her and kept their distance from her. Her husband

divorced her; her friends left her; it was not good for her.

She was lacking in all five areas of her life: spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and financial. She was desperate.

She was trying to hide.

Luke 8: 47 All she wanted to do was touch the hem of Jesus' garment and be healed

"PHYSICALLY" healed. That's all she wanted. That was where her faith was, to be healed physically. The problem was that when she got close enough to touch the hem of Jesus' garment, she saw Jarius, the man that had the right to have her stoned. After she touched Jesus' garment, she "hid" in the crowd. Who did she hide from? Did she have to hide from Jesus, the one who healed her? No. She was hiding from Jarius, the ruler of the synagogue.

Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched me"? When she was exposed, Jesus went over to her and "embraced" her.

Grace Always Goes Beyond Our Faith!

All she was believing for was to be healed physically. When Jesus embraced her, He healed her spiritually, emotionally, socially, financially, as well as physically. You must remember that she had not been touched for 12 years. She had lost all her friends; all of her money, (which was a lot because of who she was running with;) she lost her social standing in the community; and she was an emotional wreck. If all she received was physical healing, she would still have had to deal with all the other areas of her life. Jesus went beyond what she could believe for and healed her completely, inside and out. That's the power of grace!

Although, Jarius had the authority to have her stoned for getting around people in her unclean condition, he wasn't about to let anything get in the way of his daughter getting healed.

Your Daughter Is Dead

Another ruler of the synagogue came out to tell Jarius that his daughter was dead and that he still had a chance to save his job if he would just leave now before it got back to the chief priest that he was begging Jesus to come heal his daughter. The problem was that Jesus heard their conversation and said, "only believe". The rest of the story is history. Jarius probably lost his job, but he gained his daughter.

The Leper

Matthew 8:1-4 Once again, Jesus "embraced" the leper. When He did, He healed the leper completely inside and out.

In both stories, Jarius and the woman with the issue of blood and the leper, they were just expecting to experience the amount of water it took to get them wet. What they and we don't understand is that the oceans of God's grace are ours for the asking. All of God's grace is available to us.