Grace for Miracles

Oceans of Grace

If God would hold you up over the middle of the ocean by your hands, dip you into the water, and pull you out, the amount of water it took to get you wet is the amount of grace you experienced, but the amount of water left is the amount of grace that's available to meet your every need.

Mark 9:23 All things are possible to those that believe.

Three Levels of Provision

1. Exodus 15 God is a miracle worker. Miracles are very important in the lives of all of us. However, some live from miracle to miracle every day. If God doesn't perform a miracle, they are done. There is a better way.

2. Genesis 8:22 Seed time and harvest is the second level of our provision. This is the planting of seed and receiving a harvest. This is a biblical principle that God has provided for us for the meeting of all of our needs. The seed and harvest principle has worked for many. This principle certainly beats having to believe for a miracle every day. But, there's still a better way.

3. Mark 6:30 The third level of provision is grace for miracles. This is the difference between getting your daily bread and feeding the thousands with bread and fish and then leaving with 12 baskets full of leftovers.

Although seed time and harvest is very important to us and we need to continue to plant seed to receive our harvest, it puts a limit on our harvest based on the level of seed planted. There are times someone's need is much larger than the seed they have to plant. It's at this place in our lives that we need to draw from the oceans of His grace. His grace is always sufficient.

Decide and Decree

Job 22:28-29 The Amplified Bible

"You shall also decide and decree a thing and it shall be established for you; and the light (of God's favor) shall shine upon your ways." This requires a level of trust and confidence in what Jesus has already done "for" us. I would rather have something

done for me that to have to do it myself. When our belief system is one of grace and favor, things are established for us and not by us.

The Un-Seen Advantage

Grace is the un-seen advantage supplied to us through His righteousness. Performing for righteousness is "seen" by others. Our performance for righteousness has a limited advantage if that. It's only an advantage is "if" we continue to do things right. And our reward is from people. I'd rather depend of God for my needs.

The principle of seed time and harvest will cause your life to be blessed and maybe a few others. However, to feed the thousands, we must step over into believing for His favor in, around, and through our lives. We must come to a place in our lives that we are no longer controlled by the world's system and trusting in God's system.

Believing for God's favor in our life will accomplish ten times more than if we limit ourselves to our abilities. It's here that we quit considering our circumstances.

Never Use the Word "Broke"

If you tell someone you can't do something because you're broke, all they remember is "broke." And all you can see is "you're broke." Broke is a picture of a buried dream and often leads to a lost dream. Never bury your dreams in the disguise of being safe. Sometimes you can be too safe. Never live your life on what you can't do; always live your life on what God has done.

Moses at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:14-31 Lord what shall we do? Go forward. Lift up your rod.

Rods or staffs were used to engrave the different victories that would happen in their lives. Those engraved victories would remind them of what God did for them when they couldn't do it for themselves.

Pots of Oil

II Kings 4:1-7 Verse 1: To have a miracle, you'll have to have a need. For every need, there is a miracle.

Verse 2. Tell God what you need. Don't let people talk you out of what you want.

Verse 3. Borrow all the vessels you can get your hands on. Don't limit your miracle.

Nets vs. Net

Luke 5:1-7 Cast down your "nets". They just cast down one net. What would have happened if they would have cast down all their nets? When the Holy Spirit says to cast down your nets, you're only limited by the number of nets you cast down. When He says to go gather pots for oil, get as many pots as you can. Have others help you gather.

If Peter and John would have let all the nets down, they wouldn't have said to the crippled man at the Gate Beautiful, "silver and gold have I none." They could have said, "we have a lot of silver and gold, but that's not what you need. You need the power of God for your healing."

The Five Areas of Life

Each of us have five areas of life that we must deal with, spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and financial. We were designed to have favor in every area. Jesus paid the price so we can walk in all His favor in every area of our life. Our spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and financial life is complete. It's all paid for because of Jesus.

Let down your nets. You have the oceans of His grace backing you up.

Psalm 78:41-42 The children of Israel limited God not because of sin but because they failed to remember His hand and the day He delivered them.