

Grace

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[Intro] I was talking to a sister friend of mine tonight about the seasons we go through and how it seems that the season she is in, is one of God's grace, where as before, she was truly walking through the valley, it seems now she is going through a time of being on the mountain. It was refreshing to hear her talk about the reactions of her co-workers and employers being so different than what she has endured in the recent past. It was amazing grace. So I wanted to share this devotion on God's overwhelming grace that I wrote a while back and hope that it brings a smile to your face and an added assurance of God's vast measures of grace that you and I walk in continuously. Thank you Lord! [outro]

As I was on my way home tonight, I thought, oh goodness Lord, I don't have anything prepared to put up for the Daily Talk! What I heard when I got home was "My Grace is Enough". Then, as I was preparing to write something, I had a vision of myself telling my girls, "That's it! I'm counting to three!"

I feel like the Lord is saying that some people would look at that and think that it was grace that I gave my child till the count of three to get it together right?

Then I heard the Lord say what He sees as grace is the time that we give as parents BEFORE we come to the point of counting to three. The time that we allow the child to go a little further, the space we give them to see if they will reel it back in. As a parent, I want to try my best to give my girls the time to get it right before I step in and tell them what's right or wrong or help them to fix a situation.

I want to give my friends or my husband space for the Holy Spirit to speak to them when something happens between us and I feel like I have to say something to tell them they are wrong or they hurt me or I see something maybe they don't see about something.

Exodus 33 talks about the time when God told Moses to leave Mt. Sinai and go into the land of milk and honey He had been promising since they left Egypt. Moses told God that he didn't want to go if the Lord God wasn't going to be with them because then how would the people know that they had God's grace? God's response in **verse 17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."**

So you would think okay, God's grace is going with them which is true, but God said "**you have found grace in My sight**" – which to me, means all this time of being in the wilderness,

Moses had found the grace of God – even through the continual coming before God with the complaints from the people, even thru the long days and nights. The grace wasn't something Moses was going to get all of a sudden when they entered the land flowing with milk and honey – God didn't call it “The Land Flowing with Grace and Honey”. Moses found grace before the blessing, by pressing into what God called him to do – lead the people.

Isn't that cool? Moses walked in God's grace the minute he was given his marching orders!

Which leads me to believe that children are born into grace, even though they are born into sin, and into a world of sin. This may be a hard one to swallow, but hear me out. How often before we were saved, did we just miss a car collision or miss hitting a tree, or got home safely even though we were drunk, or made it home without being raped, or killed? How often did our teachers give us a 2nd or even 3rd chance instead of writing us up or giving us a failing grade? I could go on with this list!

Jeremiah 31:2 confirms the wilderness scripture of Moses and God's people. **Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness— Israel, when I went to give him rest.”**

Ezra 9:8 **And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.**

Wow, this verse is loaded. I may have to have a Grace (Part Two!). Matthew Henry's Commentary says “they were not forsaken in their bondage”. What grace! Want to hear something interesting? “Amazing Grace” just came on the radio while I'm typing this.

So, basically, God's grace gives us a place of escape. Which brings me back to the vision I had where I counted to three. Grace was given to my girls up to the point of verbally giving them a way of escape so that their eyes could be enlightened to what they needed to do. Amen!

Romans 5:20-21 **Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

When Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, law entered. Prior to that, they walked in God's grace. You would think that God would do away with grace, but the scripture above says just the opposite. Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.

PRAISE THE LORD! His grace truly is sufficient. It brings a measure of humility and fresh perspective when you understand even a little bit, that God's grace is there – He's not up there somewhere saying “You've got till the count of three child!”

He's saying walk it out, let Him walk with you, learn and grow in grace and allow His grace to abound towards you today. Move in any direction, just move! Don't give in to an offense or a wrong done you, don't give in to the lie of the enemy that you can't do anything right. Don't give up and throw in the towel - His grace will follow you, it never left – if anything there's more.

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