



My grace ...

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

What comes to mind when you think of the word grace? Do you think of a state of being wherein you are transformed by something greater than yourself? Do you feel the presence of God within your heart? Grace is not earned, so much as, it is given as a blessing. It is given without conditions, merit recognized, or award made distinguished. Grace is sufficient when we need it most. Grace is enough and nothing more is necessary to endure, understand, be.

Where does this state of grace, this gift and blessing of grace come from? In 2 Corinthians 12:9 it is written:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

What is it about grace that we are open to and weakness that we attempt to hide? Weakness is made perfect in grace. What does this mean? Biblical scholars opine that power is perfect in God for God is perfect. We are connected by threads of our human imperfections. God’s grace makes us strong. God’s light blazes through our weakness to remind all that we need not be perfect, on the contrary, we only need to give our struggles and grief to God. It is in our weakness where humility forms a foundation and God enters our heart fully. God will see us through all of life’s circumstances, challenges, sadness, and pain. The gift of grace comes, and power is made perfect to see us through with the unconditional love of God.

Let us pray that our hearts may be open to the power of our weakness for God love us without conditions. If God has given us the breath of life, who are we to judge whether it is deserved. Let us use our life in service and as acts of gratitude for all we’ve been blessed with. In God’s holy name we pray, **Amen**.