



Finding Grace – Bible Study Notes

Introduction

2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace [every favour and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP

God is looking to Partner with you to create A new thing. He is the God of the new. He renews our minds continually. He made us a new species in Christ when we were broken by Adam’s sin. He said in Isaiah 43:19, that He is declaring a new thing before He does it.

I hope that in this season, you are purposefully identifying what things are old cycles that need to remain in the past, and what things are the new things that you need to embrace for the future.

Your future is happening now. In every moment you are making decisions, consciously or unconsciously, to step into the new or to repeat the old. Have you made up your mind to experience new yet? Or are you waiting for permission from someone?

In the midst of the chaos in our world right now, you need to understand that God is not your problem, God is your partner. It is important that you understand that whilst the enemy has an agenda in this season, God also has an agenda. God has made up his mind to partner with you, he makes all grace abound towards you. So that the moment you decide to create something new, the moment you decide on some good work to do, you become a candidate for the grace to do it.

His grace is sufficient for you. His grace supplies you with the ability and the competency to do that new thing! That’s what it means when we say our sufficiency is of God. We are saying that our ability to do, our competency is of God.

You see this is why your excuses are lame! This is why every time you make an excuse for why you are not doing that thing, you are really being dishonest with yourself, because your sufficiency, your ability and your competency is of Him. Your excuses are evidence that you don’t believe that. Your excuses are evidence that you’re not yet tired of the old. Your excuses are evidence that the pain of staying in the old is still manageable...and as long as that is the case, you won’t reach for the new!



John 1:16 Amplified Bible (AMP) 16 For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favour upon favour, and gift heaped upon gift].

Whatever it is you need, there is a grace for it. Jesus did not only come with saving grace; He came full of any kind of Grace you need.

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Hebrews 4: 14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Fundamentally, because of the Work of Jesus our high priest we have access to the presence of God. We can come into the presence of God. Did you know that you can come into the presence of God? You qualify! So the writer says we can come boldly! When we do, we will find mercy - in other words you will not get what you really deserve. But you will also find Grace in time of need.

Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

In simple terms, we find grace by faith. If you want to access everything that God has reserved for you by His Grace. Let's talk about finding grace in very practical terms.

Believe you need Grace

The thing about grace is that you have to be aware of your need for grace to maximise it. There is a dimension of God's grace that is available and accessible to everyone. However when we start to talk about the grace to partner with God to establish the kingdom of God on the earth, you will need an awareness of your need for the grace of God. You will not find grace if you don't have a need that causes you to seek grace. Even the sinner has an abundance of Grace in Jesus.

In **Isaiah 43**, after God told them He wants to do a new thing, He says, but you have not called on me, you have not offered any sacrifice. And I was thinking, why do we not place a demand on the grace of God which is available to help us in times of need...the spirit of God answered quickly, he said to me, that the thing that God has called you to do is not yet a need, it's still a desire, a nice to have!



A need is a necessity. It is requiring (something) because it is essential or very important rather than just desirable.

For many of us, we still live like the dream that God has given us, is something that is more desirable than it is a necessity! For many of us seeking God for healing was a nice thing to do. But in the middle of this Pandemic, it has become a necessity! Because we now know that all the usual things we use as shields in good times are actually useless in the face of what we face.

It's like the person who is not looking for Jesus, they're not looking for Him actively, because they're yet to realise that they need Him! The moment they decide that they need Him, they'll find Him!

The moment you stop thinking it'll be cool to write a book, and you start thinking I need to write this book, you will find the grace to write that book! The moment that desire to impact young people stops being a nice addition to your life, but an actual necessity, you will find grace to help you...because how you have stepped into a time of need! You are no longer self-righteous.

Zacchaeus, the woman with the issue of blood, the centurion whose servant was sick, Jairus' whose daughter was sick/dead, all found Grace, because they recognised their time of need!

Believe the hype

The problem with the gospel, is that it's nearly too good to be true. The problem with the love of God is that it is too amazing. Oftentimes when we bump into the grace of God, we say depart from me Lord.

How about you stop having arguments with yourself about whether you deserve the promises of God? How about if you miss it again, you believe the grace of God. How about you believe that you are loved and called? Believe that you too can sit at that table in spite of the fact that you are lame.

Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

If you have the audacity to receive the grace of God, you will reign in life!

Believe enough to obey.



“Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.””

Luke 5:3-5 NKJV

The grace of God doesn’t come into your boat/life without bringing some instructions. Launch out to the deep! Let your nets down for a catch! Most times we say amen to instructions we should be acting on. You don’t believe in grace by saying amen. You believe in grace by saying amen and following the instruction.

The problem is that you have grace in your life (Jesus), but you’ve been fishing all night and you can’t catch any fish! But out of the fullness of the grace in your boat, you can experience the new. However, as long as you’re only saying amen to stuff you should be acting on, you can have grace in your life and still be broke!!!

You can’t find the grace for catching fish if you ignore the instruction! You will find the grace that draws a boat breaking load of fish, when you believe in the grace in your boat strongly enough to act on His instruction!

Whatever your new is, there is an instruction that you can be acting on today! What is it?