

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

Jeremiah 12:5

⁵ If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

What exactly does it mean when God declares through Paul to us, "My grace is sufficient for thee?" Does it mean that in our times of distress some mystical strength will descend upon us and we will be supernaturally transported above the emotions that come as a result of the stress? Or does it mean that we will have our moments of distress even as we trust God for an outcome that declares the sufficiency of His grace? I choose the latter. God's grace is sufficient enough to catch our tears, to soothe our hearts, to calm our fears and to still our anxieties when we turn to Him in our distress for the strength we need just to make it through the moment.

I do not believe when God says "my grace is sufficient," that He means we will not experience the heartache of loss or need or that we will get over hurt feelings and hard knocks. We are much too human to even begin to believe that we will not act and react as humans when trouble kicks in our front door and takes up residence in our living rooms, spiritual though we may be. God's sufficient grace is that power that gets us up in the morning when we don't want to face the day. God's sufficient grace is the hope that keeps us praying when the answers linger in the shadows. God's sufficient grace is that love which fills the void left behind by the death of a loved one or when a relationship sours and goes south. God's sufficient grace is that trust which keeps us turning towards Him for strength in our distress as we press towards the finish line in the heat of circumstance.

God allows us our tears and our fears, but it is His sufficient grace, His mercies, that keeps us from being consumed.



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