

GRACE TO FULFILL YOUR CALL!

Our Father God remains committed to lifting His adopted children out of the limits of their own ways and into the limitlessness of His great ability and power. Many are called, but FEW are chosen because many simply will not in faith rely upon God's GRACE for His ability, wisdom, and power to fulfill God's plans.

A few ask for and receive grace and sing a joyful song such as,

For with God,
Nothing is impossible!
It's not possible
to be impossible!
For with God,
Every promise will come true!
And I know surely
All things He can do!

**God's grace will lift His obedient adopted children
out of the limits of their own way
into the limitlessness of His great ability and power.**

For example, Zerubbabel was selected by God to rebuild the temple in ruins in Jerusalem, which seemed an

impossible mountain in the natural, with the Holy Spirit comforting Zerubbabel with these words,

This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone (completing God's assigned plan) with shouts of 'GRACE, GRACE (with great joy and power from above) to it!'
(Zechariah 4:6, 7 NKJV)

**Grace is God reaching down!
Faith is man reaching up!**

GOD was not looking for someone who would depend on his own natural ability to try to accomplish the rebuilding of His temple. We must fulfill our assignments not by human effort alone, but by His GRACE. God is not looking for ability, but for availability and trust in Him.

**GOD IS LOOKING NOT FOR ABILITY ALONE,
BUT FOR TRUST AND AVAILABILITY.**

MOUNTAINS ARE REMOVED BY GRACE



Just like Zerubbabel, you may have now or will in the future have a specific divine commission to bring to completion a particular assignment from Heaven. Nevertheless, you may encounter some real mountains blocking your path as you endeavor to bring to a successful conclusion what God has asked you to do. If you focus on your own lack of ability, you will see only the mountains in front of you. You must receive God's grace and confess what He has promised you in His Word. Let us practice and learn by example.

I confess, "The Lord will keep me from all harm (evil plans to hurt me)." (Psalm 121.7) I possess preservation from all forms of harm and evil plans seeking to injure me.

I confess, "The Lord gives me strength and blesses me with peace." (Psalm 29:11) I possess daily strength and an abundance of peace.

I confess, Jesus promised, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12) I possess light upon life's pathway for I am following my Savior and Lord Jesus.

I confess, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward me, so in all things at all times, I have all I need, and I will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8) I possess all grace, abounding grace, which also includes saving grace, healing grace, all-sufficient grace, in all the specific assignments God gives me to do.

I confess, "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37) I possess impossibilities becoming realities, for I am linked up with God's grace abounding to and filling me.

EXAMPLES FOR OUR LEARNING

A. MOSES

The Lord said to Moses, Take the staff . . . Speak (not hit) to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water.

. . . Moses said, 'Listen, you rebels must we (God and I) bring you water out of this rock?' Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out . . .

(Psalm 146:0)

God cut off Moses from going into the promise land as the leader of the people saying in essence, "You can't go in to possess the land, because when I asked you to speak to the rock, you hit it, and you sought glory for yourself by declaring, "Must we (God and I)"

No matter if you can speak with the tongues of men and angels, have the gift of prophecy, and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, have a faith that can move mountains, God does not need you to take the credit with Him for that is not loving either Your Creator or Your fellowman. A lot of people make Moses' mistake when they brag, "God and I are going to do thus-and-so in the earth." No, a thousand times no, it is God who is going to do something mighty in the earth. We are just to pronounce what God does. We can say, "Let it be done. Here I am Lord, use me. As for me and my house I give God all the glory as I humbly serve Him."

B. KING SAUL

God spoke to King Saul through Samuel,

This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them.

. . . But Saul (disobey doing it his way) and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs - everything that was good.

. . . Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, 'Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor (how great I am as King of Israel - look what I have done - I am so beautiful).

(1 Samuel 15:2, 9, 12)

Saul was looking great in his own eyes building a monument to honor his person and accomplishments. He did it Saul's way and not God's way. He should have fully obeyed giving God the honor for the victory. Partial obedience is disobedience. Let us look at another battle when Saul was again doing it his way when it was obvious that God was not with him. An account of that last battle of King Saul is told David by someone who left the battle scene after Saul begged that person to kill him after Saul had been severely wounded,

'What happen?' David asked. 'Tell me.'

He said, 'The men fled from the battle. Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead.'

. . .Then Saul said to me, 'Stand over me and kill me! I am in the throes of death, but I'm still alive.'

'So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that after he had fallen he could not survive. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band on his arm and have brought them here to you (David).

...David asked him, 'Why were you not afraid to lift you hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?'

Then David called one of his men and said, 'Go strike him down!' So he struck him down, and he died..

(2 Samuel 1:4, 9-10, 14-15)

The world's system declares, "You can do it without God. I did it my way. I'm a self-made man or woman." In reality, we cannot even take our next breath without God's involvement. If we truly understood our helpless condition without God's help, we would cry out to the Lord every morning, asking for His grace and strength to face the day no matter what it brings. Let's learn to depend on God, whether we consider the job at hand small or extremely important. Let's seek God's direction daily, fill our mind and mouth with His promises in the Scriptures, and keep an ongoing prayer conversation with the Lord.

God will be glorified not only in the work, but also in us His adopted children who believe and rely on God's grace to complete each task before us.

C. APOSTLE PAUL

Paul came to trust God more deeply through weakness, shipwreck, beatings and dangers. (2 Corinthians 11:24-30) He faced constant opposition and intense suffering, yet considered all of this to be "momentary, light affliction" which was producing "an eternal weight of glory" far beyond all comparison." (2 Corinthians 4:17)

The Apostle Paul gives a key,

But by the GRACE of God I am what I am, and His GRACE to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the GRACE of God that was with me.

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

Notice that it was by the GRACE at work within Paul that he labored. If we, adopted children of God saved by grace, could grasp this one truth our fleshly ambition and pride would have to go and our effectiveness through God's GRACE within us would greatly increase. God's grace stabilizes us and keeps us from falling for it is written,

It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by GRACE.

(Hebrews 13:9)

Let our heart's desire be to do the Lord's kingdom business His way - this is true enduring success. The works the Lord does through us continue to shine like a bright star. Our doing it God's way will result in our having eternal rewards in Heaven. (1 Corinthians 3:9-15) The goal of allowing God's grace to work through us should be to finish our race well having done everything that God entrusted to us in a manner that gives God all the glory and praise. All God created us to be and all He desires for us to do can be accomplished completely by His GRACE.

The beloved Apostle Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders was,

Now I am entrusting you in the care of God and to the word of (about) His GRACE, which can build you up (edify) and give you an inheritance (eternal blessing God has for his children) among all those who are sanctified (set apart for Himself).

(Acts 20:32)



Let us pray . . .

Father God of my Delight, in the Name of Your Son
Jesus,
Thy throne of GRACED is the joy ground of my soul.
Here I obtain mercy in time of need;
Here joy pleas as a lawyer the name of Jesus;
Here I anoint the shield of faith;
Here I gather manna from Heaven;
Here I am strengthen for each conflict;
Empowered to conquer every foe.
Quicken and fill me with holy boldness.
Impress on my heart the shortness of time,
The work to be engaged in.
The nearness of many stepping into eternity.
Help me to win souls, for where sin abounds

There GRACE much more abounds.
Let your GRACE whisper to my heart, "Thy sins are
forgiven,
be of cheer, lie down in peace."
Through your grace I find my true identify and all glory is
Thine.

My Father, keep me in Thy abundant GRACE.
I am ever looking for Jesus Christ, the One who died for me,
Lord Jesus, return quickly -- Maranatha!
Father, here I am send me to make Your Son know
to those who are lost.
Father my times are in your hands. I will not go home until
You say it is time for me to go home.
By your GRACE within me bring victory in this abortion
lawsuit.

For Your glory and honor.
In the Name of Your Son Jesus, my Savior,
Amen!

