

Sufficiency

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:5
2 Corinthians 12:9a

2 Corinthians 3:5 KJV Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

2 Corinthians 12:9a KJV And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Introduction

At an airport a father and daughter were overheard in their last moments together. They had announced her plane's departure and standing near the door, he said to his daughter, "I love you, I wish you enough."

She said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed good-bye and she left.

G-d's grace is enough:

I. To remove the pain of your deepest hurts

Genesis 37:24 KJV And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

Genesis 50:20 KJV But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good,

- A. Joseph faced rejection from his siblings
- B. Joseph was sold as a slave
- C. Grace showed Joseph G-d's purpose

II. To overcome your devastating failures

Mark 16:7 KJV But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

2 Samuel 12:7a, 9a KJV And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight?

- A. Peter's arrogance

Matthew 26:33 KJV Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

- B. Peter's denial
- C. David's sin with Bathsheba
- D. David's attempted cover up

III. To carry you through your greatest trial

2 Corinthians 12:7-8 KJV And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

Acts 27:25 KJV Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

- A. Paul's thorn in the flesh
- B. Paul before his ship wreck

IV. To present you faultless before His presence

Jude 1:24 KJV Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

2 Peter 1:11 KJV For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- A. Approach eternity with confidence that His grace is enough

Philippians 1:6 KJV Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

- B. Trust G-d to be faithful

1 Peter 4:19 KJV Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Conclusion

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting. I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. My wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.