Triumphant Grace

Psalm 61:1-2 (NIV)

“Hear my cry, o God: Listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth, I call to You. I call as my heart grows faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I”

There is grace so sweet, I can hardly wait to taste. I follow this same line of thought that King David did when he penned this psalm to God. I like to look at this psalm as a prayer forged deep in the crucible of life’s difficulties.

In God’s love and faithfulness (v:7), there is at times a grace that can only be experienced amidst great difficulties. Notice in verse 2 how David adds in his prayer, “I call as my heart grows faint.”

Is there any wonder why?

Of course. David follows through with, ”lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” There is a place in Christ where in the midst of our great difficulty and anguish that we need Him to lead us. And only Christ can lead us higher. This higher place is the sweetness of God’s presence and grace.

Can you relate to this?

In my personal times of travail and difficulties, I have found that when I lay aside how I feel and press through the pain in prayer and connect directly to the King of Heaven that my bitter turns sweet.

I want to encourage all to experience this abiding grace. And as always we have this treasure house of wisdom known as the word of God to pave the way.

I am reminded of Paul’s thorn in the flesh in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. We may never know what this thorn was, but we do know he asked three times to have it removed. Actually, the scriptures use the word pleaded instead of asked. To be certain, we can by this realize that this was no picnic for Paul in that he pleaded with the Lord three times for it to be removed.

Have you ever been in a similar situation?

The Lord’s response to Paul is for each and every one of us. Here the Lord says, “My grace is sufficient in you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

It’s almost like one of those all of the sudden aha moments because of what we see in Paul’s response, “Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” WOW! Praise the Lord!

Paul was drawing from this moment on, an inexhaustible, and un-tiring supply of God’s grace. Yet it was in his weakness. We know that Paul wanted nothing in this life but Jesus. Here it really shows.

I wonder if any of us have had an experience like this? And if not, why?

Let us always endeavor to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

Our prayer for you this week is that the Lord would truly make His face to shine upon you in the midst of whatever challenges you may be going through. Just know that Jesus promised to never leave you nor forsake you. And also, that nothing can ever separate you from His love. You may feel at times the furthest away from the Lord because of what you are experiencing. Whether or not the difficulties in your life were brought on by yourself or not, God is still greater and His grace is still sufficient for whatever your needs may be. We truly pray that you would sincerely seek His face either way and really press in to experience His goodness and transforming grace in your life, in Jesus name. Amen.