

Grace

Author Unknown

He giveth more grace when
burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when
the labors increase;
To added affliction, He addeth
His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His
multiplied peace.
When we have exhausted our
store of endurance;
When our strength has failed ere
the day is half done;
When we reach the end or our
hoarded resources;
Our Father's full giving is only
begun.
His love has no limit; His grace
knows no measure,
His power no boundary known
unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in
Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth
again.

Day by Day

D. L. Moody

A man can no more take a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs to sustain life for a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores for grace from day to day, as we need it.

**"Faith is a living,
daring confidence in God's
grace."**

— Martin Luther

In the "Nick of Time"

G. Campbell Morgan

*"Let us therefore come boldly
unto the throne of grace, that we
may obtain mercy, and find grace
to help in time of need."*

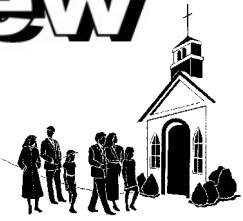
Hebrews 4:16

I am never tired of pointing out that the Greek phrase translated, "... in the time of need," is a colloquialism of which the "nick of time" is the exact equivalent: "... grace to help in 'the nick of time'." Grace just when and where I need it.

You are attacked by temptation, and at the moment of assault, you look to Him, and the grace is there to help in "the nick of time". No postponement of your petition until the evening hour of prayer; but there in the city street, with the flaming temptation in front of you, turn to Christ with a cry for help, and the grace will be there in "the nick of time".

**"Prayer is the practice
of drawing on the
grace of God."**

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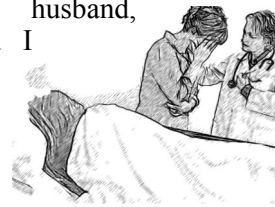
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Abounding Grace

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Faith. Trust. Trusting not by what is seen, but by faith. I thought I understood 'Hope'. I have read many accounts of courageous men and women who have lived these simple words and made them embraceable. We long to be able to follow their example of godliness and strength, if we are ever called upon to do so. One day, those words became our exam.

My husband, Jay, and I had been missionaries in Guam for five years. We were in love with the church, as well as the people, and had never enjoyed the ministry more. God had blessed, and we were totally content; then a dreaded, middle-of-the-night call came. Our pastor reached us with news that our youngest daughter and her children had been in a house fire. Our hearts pounded



as we tried to secure our home in Guam and acquire tickets to the States, not easily done on such short notice. We did not know the full extent of the injuries sustained until much later that day.

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Grace Is Sufficient

Author Unknown

"... My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

II Cor. 12:9

Booth-Tucker preached in Chicago one day, and out from the throng a burdened toiler came and said to him, before all the audience, "You can talk like that about how Christ is dear to you, and helps you; but if your wife was dead, as my wife is, and you had some babies crying for their mother who would never come back, you could not say what you are saying!"

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Three separate flights and a total of 18 hours in the air separated us from the facts. We thought the very worst. Visions of burn victims flooded my mind's eye and kept me nauseated and weak. God gave me rest and quieted my soul in a way that I had never known.

Our pastor met us in Atlanta with a car for us to drive to Augusta, where Lindsay, our daughter, and her two children had been flown via helicopter from Chattanooga, TN. Our oldest daughter, Jessica, and her husband met us at the burn unit. They tried to gently prepare us for what we would see. We donned the sterile garb and scrubbed ourselves and entered room #1. As it turned out, Emma had been burned over 65% of her body, Lindsay 53%, and Ewan 45%.

Jay kept me from collapsing. The three of them were swollen beyond recognition and their bodies were connected with tubes and staples. "God? Faith? Trust? Hope?" I had never known a time that I could not pray, but there were no words. I didn't need any. God provided every ounce of emotional

strength and physical ability I needed. My Father was there!

My grandson, Ewan, was taken to heaven just three days after his arrival at the burn unit. His little heart could not sustain his physical trauma. Lindsay and Emma, age 4, spent the next 62 days in ICU. Both underwent miraculous skin grafts and rehabilitation. Lindsay was in a drug-induced coma, when Ewan died; and she had to be told of his death upon awakening.

Day after day, I sat in the waiting room waiting for my 15 or 30 minute visit with each of my girls. In the hours in-between, I watched for others who were there because their loved one was also on the brink of death. We sat with many family members who looked just like we did. "Can anyone live through such a trauma?" I wondered. The doctors said, "Yes". I just did not see how any length of time could heal what I saw lying in those hospital beds.

I sought out family members of other ICU patients and shared God's grace and peace with them. For 62 days that waiting room was my mission field. I cried and prayed with others, as we shared a common pain.

I could write volumes on the love and compassion of those God sent our way. My pastor and his wife were unbelievably supportive and compassionate. They found a hospital in Chattanooga to hold our Ewan's little body until Lindsay recovered enough to make arrangements

for his burial. We did not know from day to day if Lindsay or Emma would survive. God was there though; I cannot say more. He was everything we needed at every moment of every day.

Many more battles and trials followed. I suppose there will always be pain and scars for my girls. They are walking testimonies of the goodness of God, and they both allow their scars to speak of the Lord's faithfulness. I will never be the same. My God has comforted me and helped me to grow. He has given us a comfort wherewith we may comfort others. Now we walk with a more real sense of faith. We have learned what it is to trust with no reservations; and to believe in His goodness, because He cared so tenderly for each of us in those awful days. We can now embrace whatever He allows in our lives as having been filtered through His hands. Such beauty has erupted from those ashes. To God be the glory; great things He has done!

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A little later, Booth-Tucker lost his noble wife in a railway wreck, and the body was brought to Chicago and carried to the Salvation Army barracks for the funeral service. After others had conducted the funeral service he stood there by the casket, looked down into the face of the silent wife and mother, and said, "The

"The Law detects. Grace corrects."

other day, when I was here, a man said I could not say Christ was sufficient if my wife were dead, and my children were crying for their mother. If that man is here, tell him that Christ is sufficient. My heart is all broken; my heart is all crushed; my heart is all bleeding; but there is a song in my heart, and Christ put it there. If that man is here, I tell you, though my wife is gone and my children are motherless, Christ comforts me today!"

That man was there, and down the aisle he went, and fell down beside the casket, and said, "Verily, if Christ can help us like that, I will surrender to Him."

What is Grace?

Noah Webster, 1828

Grace is:

- ☞ Favor; good will; kindness
- ☞ The free unmerited love and favor of God
- ☞ Favorable influence of God
- ☞ The application of Christ's righteousness to the sinner

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Matthew 6:34

"Grace' means undeserved kindness. It is the gift of God to man the moment man sees he is unworthy of God's favor." — D. L. Moody