

DAY 27

My grace is sufficient for you. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

~~ *God's grace is sufficient for me* ~~

As I returned home from the church cemetery, having just laid my little one's body in the grave, I felt a compulsion to preach to my people on the meaning of trials. I chose the verse, "My grace is sufficient for you." as my Master's message to the congregation, as well as His message to me.

Yet while trying to write the sermon, I found that in all honesty, I could not say that the words were true in my life. Therefore I knelt down and asked the Lord to make His grace sufficient for me. While I was pleading in this way, I opened my eyes and saw this exact verse framed and hanging on the wall. My mother had given it to me and hung up on the wall a few days ago.

Now, as I looked up and wiped my eyes, the words met my gaze. The Lord says it in the simplest way: "My grace is [not will be or may be] sufficient for you." The message was indelibly written upon my heart. Thankfully, I have been trying to live in the reality of that truth from that day to the present time.

The underlying lesson that came to me through this experience, and that I seek to convey to others, is this: Never change God's facts into hopes or prayers but simply accept them as realities, and you will find them to be powerful as you believe them. - *H. W. Webb Peplow* (LC - Aug. 5)

~~~ *Pray* ~~~

Abba Father,

Yes, Lord. No matter what happens to me, I know there is a reason. What I need is to trust you wholeheartedly, not depending on my feeling but the faith in Christ who loved me and died for me. I am holding on to your promise, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (DC)