

Our Weaknesses for His Strengths

I pray this letter finds you blessed in the Lord. Christmas time for us is always a wonderful season. It's hard to believe how fast the year goes by. Time seems to be going faster and faster as I get older. Harrison is already 10 years old, and Ava is 7; both of them think they're much older. So, during the holidays, half of my fun is from watching through their eyes and seeing how much enjoyment they get out of every moment. I always remember my mother telling me to cherish every minute I get with my children, because they grow up quicker than you think, and soon you will wonder where all the time went. This year has been a special year for us, as I have learned more about the grace of God than ever before! God's grace is that place where we trade our weaknesses for His strengths, and He is always free to give us His grace. It's interesting that we often don't know if we are relying on His grace, until we find ourselves in a situation where God is all you have to stand on. This is a hard place to be in, and many of us never really get to that place of only having His strengths.

Well, that is exactly what happened to me and my family this past year. Out of necessity, I found that God's grace is real, and He is truly faithful, and wonderful, in every way imaginable. Back in the beginning of January, I suffered an attack on my body, which I am still recovering from. It was a big surprise for all of us, but I have found that my relationship with God has gone deeper during this trial. I am beginning to understand better what it means in Romans 8:28 where it says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Many of our friends have asked why we did not send a notice out in our letters, to share what we were going through. My only explanation is that, the Lord has held us so secure during this time, that we didn't feel it was what He wanted us to do. I always covet your prayer, as it is one of my greatest pleasures to pray for those who God has placed in my life.

One of my favorite verses right now is Isaiah 40:28-31, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I am standing on God's Word for full recovery in my body, and believe with all of my heart in the power of God. I have been sharing details of my walk of victory during my sermons, which you can find on my website, if you are interested. So, my report is that the Taylor family is doing very very well, through every test and trial the enemy throws at us, and we are not changing our course. We are enjoying this Christmas season, and we pray that you will as well! I thank God for you and may God's blessings be upon you!

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