

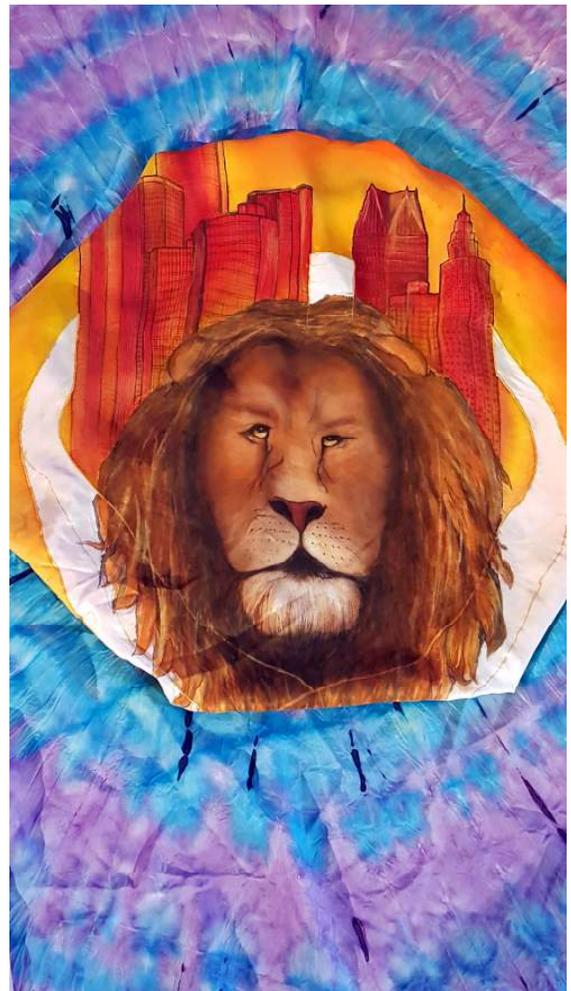
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2 Corinthians 9.8

And **God is able to make all grace abound to you**, so that **always having all sufficiency in everything**, you may **have an abundance** for every good deed

- What is grace? It is God's supernatural empowering enabling us as Believers to do and be everything that we are called to. God gives us grace – He **MAKES** grace available to us. By grace we are saved, delivered, healed, empowered, release miracles, bring God's kingdom into the earth – through faith not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship [we are a new creation in Christ], created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2.8-9).
- Grace is substance from God. Substance is supernatural matter that fills, forms, shapes and empowers. Grace fills our being – forming and empowering us to live, move and have our being in Christ. (Acts 17.28). We are born of imperishable and incorruptible seed, and we have become partakers of His divine nature. (1 Peter 1.23 & 2 Peter 1.4).
- Abound in the Greek is defined as superabound in quantity or quality, superior quality, exceeding abundantly above, to be given an advantage, to be in excess, to cause to excel, to be the better, exceed, over and above, abundance.
- God is **MAKING ALL GRACE ABOUND** to us. He is supernaturally equipping and empowering us above and beyond what the world has to offer so that we have more than enough resources to accomplish the work He has called us to.
- God has said it is time to rise up in stature, to grow up, be mature. For elementary teachings to be solidly built in us (Hebrews 6). God is calling us *Unto Full Stature*. We can no longer be childish or immature in our thinking, in our faith, in our actions, in our speaking. Grace empowers us to grow into full stature and stay or abide there. The government of God firmly instilled in our lives. His kingdom come and His will is now our will. Living a life yielded to Christ – living in the new man.



Colossians 3.1-3

¹ Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking the things above, where Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.** ³ For **you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

Matthew 6.33

But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.

- This is where we God's blueprint. We receive perspective, strategy and understanding.
- The immature charge in without hearing God's word first – what He is saying about that situation or circumstance?
- God is giving us a new frequency of life – let Him adjust you.
- Speak what God is speaking – bring God's kingdom frequency into the earth.

1 Samuel 3.1, 8-11

¹ Now **the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD** before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent.

⁸ So the Lord called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli discerned that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, '**Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.**'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." ¹¹ **The Lord said to Samuel**, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

- The Hebrew word "tingle" meant a vibration or frequency, to rattle together as the ears in reddening with shame or teeth that chatter with fear.
- God was announcing that a dramatic shift was coming that would redefine many things. Things would not sound or operate like they did before.
- A new frequency, a new sound, would be released.
- As a boy Samuel tuned his ears to hear the Lord and be a carrier of His sound, even when that sound did not line up culture or the norm.
- The blueprint was in the sound.

1 Samuel 3.19

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and **He let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.**

- Samuel abided in full stature or maturity.
- The words spoken by Samuel were not his own words. Samuel waited to hear the word of the Lord before speaking in to a matter.
- Samuel spoke the governmental word of the Lord that brought God's authority and purpose into the earth.
- God watches after His word to perform it. Samuel spoke the word; God brought the fulfillment of the word.
- Samuel was not a product of the environment but matured by the word of God that came to him.
- God raised a man and put in him the ability to carry the grace.
- Samuel was given the ability to carry the Ark and the enemy could not come in.
- Samuel had become a weapon of war by the frequency he carried. It was not his opinion or the sound of the world – it was the sound of the King.
- The word is another dimension of the Spirit.





Jeremiah 1.1-8

¹ The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ² to whom **the word of the LORD came** in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

⁴ Now **the word of the LORD came** to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD!

Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."

⁷ But **the LORD said to me,**

"Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ "Do not be afraid of them,

For **I am with you** to deliver you," declares the LORD.

- The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.
- Be in a position for the word of the Lord to come to you. Be yielded to Holy Spirit. Be looking and watching to hear.
- Do not say you are a youth. Everywhere I send you I will give you a word to speak. We are a prophetic people that God gives a word to carry and speak to our city, the nation, our places of employment and where we live. Step into full stature – carry and speak My word.
- This is governing grace. God's word plucks up, tears down, builds and plants. God's word opens the heavens, creates pathways in the spirit realm and initiates God's purposes.

Habakkuk 2.1-3

¹ I will stand on my guard post
And **station myself** on the rampart;
And **I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me,**
And how I may reply when I am reprov'd.

² Then the LORD answered me and said,

"Record the vision

And inscribe *it* on tablets,
That the one who reads it may run.

³ "For the vision is yet for the appointed time;
It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail.

Though it tarries, wait for it;

For **it will certainly come, it will not delay.**

- Stay in place – stay in maturity.
- Look to see and hear.
- Let the word be written on the tablet of your heart.
- The word is near you – it is in your heart and in your mouth.
- Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.
- Don't discount the word God gives you. Don't let your mind tell you God wouldn't give you a significant word to speak.
- Do not harden your heart when you hear Him speaking – lay hold of the word, honor the word, release the word.

