

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Grace That Is Sufficient January 9, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

### 2 Corinthians 12.9 NIV

<sup>9</sup>...**“My grace is sufficient for you,** for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

- Grace – divine influence upon the heart which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness.
- Sufficient – to be possessed of unfailing strength through the idea of raising a barrier – to ward off. God’s sufficiency is more than enough.
  - What is warded off or what is being held back by this barrier? Insufficiency or lack.
  - There is no lack in the sufficiency that our Father has provided for us – everything is covered.
- God is saying, “I am releasing My influence in your heart. This is not of you or your working or even your desires. This is My influence – My impact and My power given to you.”
- We have everything that we need through the grace of God – this is His sufficiency.

### Ephesians 2.6-9 NIV

<sup>6</sup> **And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might **show the incomparable riches of his grace,** expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For **it is by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Sufficiency to possess unfailing strength and to raise a barrier between the devil and us.
- We are seated with Christ in the Heavenly realms FAR ABOVE ALL RULE AND AUTHORITY, POWER, AND DOMINION. That is a significant and sufficient barrier!

### Ephesians 1.7-8 NIV

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **in accordance with the riches of God’s grace** <sup>8</sup> **that he lavished on us.** With all wisdom and understanding

- Riches – abundance, more than enough, excess, deep with plenty, profuse, liberal amount.

### Acts 6.8 NIV

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, **a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs** among the people.

- God’s grace coupled with His power releases miracles and wonders; great demonstrations of who God is!

### Acts 14.3 NIV

<sup>3</sup> So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who **confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.**

### Hebrews 4.16 NIV

<sup>16</sup> **Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,** so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- We can come freely to God’s throne of grace in our time of need. God is not asking us to do things by our own power. God gives grace to the humble – to those that receive what is needed from their Father in Heaven. Intimacy with God causes grace to increase.

### James 4.6 NKJV

<sup>6</sup> But **He gives more grace**. Therefore He says:  
"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

### 2 Peter 1.2 NIV

<sup>2</sup> **Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

**When Jesus walked the earth, He walked in the power and provision of grace – God’s divine enablement. All of the signs, wonders, miracles, healing, and deliverance were through grace. Grace reveals, delivers, heals, and sets free. Grace reforms, brings the new, pulls Heaven into the earth, empowers, strengthens, brings hope, defuses, unravels, brings clarity, gives focus, and reveals.**

### John 1.14 NASB

<sup>14</sup> And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

### John 1.16-17 NASB

<sup>16</sup> For **of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace**. <sup>17</sup> For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ**.

### Grace is transformational power.

- By grace, we speak the word of the Lord to the City of Detroit.
- By grace, we see the City of Detroit as God sees it.
- By grace, God’s kingdom comes into Detroit and His will is done.
- By grace, Detroit will stand in its God-given identity and purpose.
- By grace, evil will be overcome by good and light will dispel darkness.
- By grace, hope will fill the hearts of the people and the captives will be set free.

### Ephesians 3.7-8 TPT

<sup>7-8</sup> **I have been made a messenger** of this wonderful news by **the gift of grace that works through me**. Even though I am the least significant of all his holy believers, **this grace-gift was imparted** when the manifestation of his power came upon me. **Grace alone empowers me** so that I can boldly preach this wonderful message to non-Jewish people, sharing with them the unfading, inexhaustible riches of Christ, which are **beyond comprehension**.

### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

In the mighty name of Jesus, we declare that grace and truth have come to you, Detroit. And the transformation that has begun in you, Detroit, will be brought to completion by the grace of God. As the Body of Christ in the City, we draw upon the grace of God and release it into Detroit. We declare grace upon grace to Detroit and to the people of Detroit. Grace to see God and grace to hear His voice. Grace is God’s hand of transformation moving in this City.

Detroit, let the word of grace which is the word of Christ, live in you richly. Let it flood you with the sound of Heaven and His Kingdom come in your midst. By grace God will put a new sound in you, Detroit. A new sound that will resonate and influence the nations of the earth for God’s Kingdom. By grace you will broadcast a pure sound, a holy sound that will influence many communities. By grace it will form and by grace it will be released. Detroit, from your innermost being, what was hidden is now becoming visible. By God’s grace, Detroit, you will arise out of your wasteland into a display of God’s power and love.