

Readings: Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH: STOP COMPARING, START TRUSTING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

My dear friends in Christ,

As we listen to today's readings, we hear a common message running through all of them: God is faithful, even when life does not go the way we expect.

In Exodus, the people of Israel are in the wilderness. They are hungry, uncertain, and afraid about what tomorrow will bring. In Psalm 105, they are reminded to remember the wonderful things God has already done. In Philippians, Paul speaks about living for Christ even in difficult circumstances. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells us a parable about workers who struggle with comparison and with the generosity of God.

When we put these readings together, they ask us an important question:

Can we trust God even when our lives do not look like the lives of other people?

Because, dear friends, sometimes our greatest struggle is not simply what we are going through. It is looking at someone else and wondering:

“Why is their life different from mine?”

“Why did they receive what I have been praying for?”

“Why does their journey seem easier?”

And that is where comparison can begin to steal our peace and our gratitude.

So, this morning, I want us to reflect on a simple but powerful message:

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And I would like us to consider five lessons from today's readings about what it means to trust God's grace.

1. GOD PROVIDES EVEN WHEN WE ARE AFRAID

Israel was hungry in the wilderness, and they began to complain.

They could only see what they lacked, but God saw what they needed.

And God provided manna.

The Israelites had to learn to trust God one day at a time.

Sometimes we also find ourselves in a wilderness.

We may not know what tomorrow will bring.

We may be waiting for employment, a new opportunity, a change in our circumstances, or an answer to prayer.

We may be dealing with sickness or ill health, financial difficulties, family challenges, loneliness, grief, uncertainty about the future, difficulties in our relationships, or concerns about our children and loved ones.

And when we cannot see what is ahead, fear can make us forget what God has already done.

But the message of Exodus is simple:

God has not abandoned His people in the wilderness.

God hears.

God sees.

God provides.

The manna came day by day.

And perhaps that is what God is asking of us:

Trust me today.

We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we can trust the God who holds tomorrow.

2. REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE

Psalms 105 tells us:

“Remember the wonderful works he has done.”

Why do we need to remember?

Because we forget.

Sometimes one difficult situation can make us forget ten things God has already done.

One unanswered prayer can make us forget the prayers God has answered.

One closed door can make us forget the doors God has opened.

One difficult season can make us forget how many times God has carried us.

So the Psalmist says:

Remember.

Remember God's faithfulness.

Remember His provision.

Remember His mercy.

Remember the times when you did not know how things would work out, but God made a way.

When we remember what God has done, gratitude begins to replace anxiety.

So before we complain about what we do not have, perhaps we should ask:

“Lord, what have you already done for me?”

That question can change the posture of our hearts.

3. STOP COMPARING YOUR JOURNEY WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S

This is where Jesus' parable speaks directly to us.

The workers who came early were unhappy because others received the same wage.

They forgot what had been promised to them because they were looking at what somebody else received.

Sometimes we do the same thing.

We ask:

“Why them and not me?”

Why did they get the promotion?

Why did they get married before me?

Why did their prayer get answered first?

Why did that opportunity come to them?

Why does their life seem to be moving faster than mine?

But, dear friends, hear this:

Another person's blessing does not cancel God's grace toward you.

If God opens a door for someone else, it does not mean He has forgotten you.

If someone else's journey seems to be moving faster, it does not mean you have been left behind.

God has not called you to live somebody else's life.

Your journey is your journey.

Your calling is your calling.

Your season is your season.

And God's grace is sufficient for you.

So, stop comparing and start trusting.

4. KEEP CHRIST AT THE CENTRE

Paul says in our reading from Philippians:

“For to me, living is Christ.”

Paul's circumstances were not easy.

Yet his confidence was not based on his circumstances.

His confidence was in Christ.

And this is an important lesson for us.

Our Christian faith is not simply believing that God will give us everything we want.

It is learning to say:

“Whatever my circumstances may be, Christ is enough.”

If I have abundance, Christ is enough.

If I am waiting, Christ is enough.

If I am celebrating, Christ is enough.

If I am struggling, Christ is enough.

If the answer comes quickly, Christ is enough.

If I have to wait, Christ is enough.

The mature Christian life moves us from saying:

“God, give me what I want,”

to saying:

“God, help me trust You with what You give.”

That is faith.

5. LEARN TO REJOICE IN GOD'S GENEROSITY

Finally, God's grace teaches us to rejoice when He blesses others.

The kingdom of God is not a competition.

There is no shortage of God's love.

There is no shortage of God's mercy.

There is no shortage of God's grace.

When God blesses someone else, we do not have to feel threatened.

When God answers someone's prayer, we can rejoice with them.

When God opens a door for someone else, we can praise Him.

Because the grace that reaches them is the same grace that has reached us.

None of us stands before God saying,

"I earned everything I have."

We stand before God saying,

"By the grace of God, I am here."

So, my dear friends in Christ, God's grace is enough.

Stop comparing and start trusting.

Trust God for today's bread.

Remember what He has already done.

Keep your eyes on Christ.

And rejoice when His grace reaches others.

You may not have everything you want today, but you have a God who is faithful.

And whatever season you are in,

God's grace is enough.

God's grace is enough.

Enough for today.

Enough for tomorrow.

Enough for the wilderness.

Enough for the waiting.

Enough for the journey.

So, People of God:

Stop comparing.

Start trusting.

And when you wake up tomorrow, may you receive whatever God places before you—not with complaint, not with comparison, but with gratitude:

“This is the bread the Lord has given me.”

And may we have the grace to say:

“Lord, whatever you give me, whatever season I am in, wherever you lead me—Christ is enough.”

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.