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IT'S A TIME FOR GRACE

Waking up to a cool morning, is something I am still adjusting to. I'm not sure if it's the mature years of my life, or if the whether has decided it wants to become more vicious. Whatever the case may be it seems that I am needing the grace for these colder than cold spouts of intense weather conditions, here in Southern California.

Besides, here in Cali we are known for light winters, and sunny throughout the year, with the expectation of a few bouts of unfavorable fires, winds and an occasional earthquakes that surprises us from time to time.

With all that said, who would have known I would be calling on more grace for just everyday living.

This year I will give myself the gift of grace. Grace when I'm running behind, when I'm tired of the endless beat of my feet on the pavement in the endless race of life. I'll give myself grace when I mess up, when I know I should be at the gym, instead of at home. I'll give myself grace when things seems out of control, because it feels like I'm out of control. Because the truth is I am my own worst critic, courtroom and judge.

The truth is you and I deserve grace. We find it easy to give it to everyone else, but when it comes to ourselves. We speak to ourselves in ways we'd never talk to anyone else. We belittle and pick apart everything about us instead of seeing ourselves through God's eyes.

Give yourself grace, try to see yourself not through your eyes but the Heavenly Father who created you with careful thought. You are His creation, handcrafted and carefully designed for His purpose.

Be the kind of woman who spends her days not worrying about the future, not worrying if she'll succeed or fail because all that matters is you tried your best. That you got up each morning and gave it your best. That you did all you could and left the rest in God's hands. It doesn't matter what does or doesn't happen this week, this month, this year... it doesn't matter, not any of it. God's still going to use us, even if we don't get everything checked off our to-do lists. Nothing can change His plan for us. So give yourself grace. Grace to breathe, to step back when you need to and step into His waiting arms.

..."My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" ...
2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

You see there is beauty in our weakness because in the midst of my mess, He is writing His story. In my stumbles, His fingerprints shine the brightest. I am His creation, His child that He adores. His grace meets us right where we are, in the midst of our personal mess, and washes over it. We may not feel like we are enough for this role we are filling, but with the Lord's grace, we will be.



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