



Five-Day Devotional 9
Don't Shortchange The Grace of God
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From the Pastor's Desk
Devotional Inspiration
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A Pastoral Confession and Comfort Rooted in God's Amazing Grace

Introduction: Early Thursday morning, January 8, while I was still lying quietly in bed and my wife, Melvina, slept peacefully beside me, a sudden weight settled on my heart. My thoughts turned to pressing and painful realities within her family.

Her younger brother was extremely sick with cancer. His appetite had nearly disappeared, his weight had dropped dramatically, and his body was increasingly weakened by complications that continued to mount. At the same time, another sibling remained in a nursing facility, facing challenges of a different but no less serious kind.

As these burdens pressed in, I began to intercede. I asked the Lord for a miracle for my brother-in-law—not only for healing in his body, but also for strength and peace for Melvina and family. My concern was especially for her emotional and mental well-being. She didn't need the added weight that often comes with the looming possibility of loss, particularly with a doctor-requested family meeting scheduled for that very day.

When I paused in prayer, the Lord spoke gently yet clearly to my heart: "Don't shortchange My grace."

The Spirit impressed this truth deeply within me: My grace is more than sufficient to strengthen and carry your wife and family through whatever these situations bring—both with her ailing brother and her sibling in the nursing facility. This five-day devotional was birthed from that encounter.

With pastoral love and encouragement,

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Note to reader: *This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



Day 1 – Grace Is Greater Than the Burden

Scripture: “Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness” — 2 Corinthians 12:8–9—ESV and NKJV.

The apostle Paul’s testimony in Second Epistle to the Corinthians reminds us that God’s answer to suffering is not always removal—it is sufficiency.

Grace does not always eliminate the thorn. It strengthens the vessel bearing it.

When the Lord impressed upon my heart, “*Don’t shortchange My grace,*” He was reminding me that grace has weight. We often measure our problems carefully but underestimate the measure of God’s supply.

- Grace is not fragile.
- Grace is not thin.
- Grace is not barely enough.
- Grace outweighs the burden.

Reflection Questions:

- Where have I been asking for removal instead of relying on sufficiency?
- Have I unconsciously magnified my burden more than God’s grace?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive me for underestimating Your grace. Teach me to trust its sufficiency even when the thorn remains.



Day 2 – Grace in the Waiting Room

Scripture: “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” — Hebrews 4:16

Hospital rooms. Nursing facilities. Family meetings. Long nights of uncertainty. Grace meets us there.

The throne we approach is not a throne of condemnation, but a *throne of grace*. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews reminds us that grace is available precisely in *time of need*.

- Grace does not arrive late.
- Grace does not run out.
- Grace does not panic.

In moments when we fear what a doctor may say or what tomorrow may bring, grace steadies the heart before circumstances ever change.

Reflection Questions:

- What “waiting room” am I currently sitting in?
- Have I approached God confidently, or anxiously?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I come boldly to Your throne today. Supply grace in this very hour. Calm my heart and anchor my trust in You.



Day 3 – Grace That Outweighs the Scale

Scripture: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” — Psalm 46:1.

The image of the scale lingers in my heart. On one side: illness, uncertainty, emotional strain. On the other: God’s grace. And grace is heavier.



- The psalmist declares that God is a *very present* help—not distant, not delayed.
- When we “shortchange” grace, we allow the burden to seem heavier than it truly is. But grace is not abstract—it is the active strength of God working in real time.
- Trouble may sit on the scale. But grace tips it every time.

Reflection Questions:

- What currently feels heavier than I can bear?
- How would my perspective shift if I truly believed grace outweighs it?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me see the scale clearly. Let me feel the weight of Your grace more than the weight of my fear. Amen.



Day 4 – Strength Perfected in Weakness

Scripture: “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9

In Paul’s confession, weakness became the platform for divine power.

- We often view weakness as something to hide. God views it as space to fill.
- When cancer weakens a body, when caregiving exhausts a family, when emotions feel fragile—grace does not retreat. Grace settles in.
- God’s strength is not made perfect in our control. It is perfected in our surrender. Weaknesses are not disqualification but invitation to experience God’s strength and sufficiency.

Reflection Questions:

- Where do I feel most weak right now?
- Can I trust God to demonstrate His strength there?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I bring You my weakness without apology. Rest Your power upon me and upon those I love.



Day 5 – Grace Will Not Fail

Scripture: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” — Lamentations 3:22–23—ESV.

The prophet wrote these words in the middle of devastation—not comfort.

- Grace is not seasonal.
- Grace is daily.
- Grace renews with the sunrise.

We may face outcomes we did not choose. We may walk paths we would not design. But grace will meet us there tomorrow just as surely as it meets us today.

- Grace has never failed. It will not fail now.

Reflection Questions:

- Do I believe grace will meet me tomorrow?
- How can I rest in God’s faithfulness today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that Your grace is new every morning. Teach me to wake up expecting it.

Closing Pastoral Encouragement: Beloved, whatever you are carrying—whether physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual—do not magnify the weight of the burden beyond the weight of grace.

- Grace is sufficient.
- Grace is present.
- Grace outweighs it all.

Don’t shortchange the grace of God.