

LISTENER GUIDE

Why Such Grace?

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It doesn't have to be well with your _____ for it to be well with your _____.

- We don't wait for our circumstances to change so that we can experience a level of contentment in our faith. We ask God to change us in the midst of those circumstances.
- If we don't learn contentment in the midst of difficult circumstances, then if by the mercy of God He delivers us from it, we will be grumpy about something else.
- True contentment only comes in the midst of the difficult circumstance because God makes it well with your soul, not always your circumstance.

Fear is a legitimate emotion. Pay attention to it, but allow it to take you to the place of truth so you can discern whether it is a godly, appropriate fear or not.

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“What if” is the language of _____ and _____. We as women who want to truly follow God and walk by faith, we don't speak “What if.” We speak “What _____.”

- Here's what is: God who called you is faithful.
- Be women who say, “I trust God more than I trust my feelings.”

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

God's grace is _____.

- For those who carry the burdens, God gives _____ grace—it's adequate grace to participate with the burden.

- For those who watch their loved ones struggle with burdens, God gives us _____ grace.
- Whether God has granted you the sufficiency of His grace in the package of being a participant or a spectator, His grace is sufficient. So rest in His grace.

God's grace in Titus 2:11 is what equips us and empowers us to say, "No," to ungodliness. But His grace is also what equips and empowers us to cease our striving and allow Him to be the One who wills and works within us for His good pleasure.

If it is not well with your circumstances, that is not what makes you broken. That is simply what God can use to introduce you to your own brokenness.

Do not resist that which God has allowed to shape you and refine you and make you a true woman.

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