



Here We Go...

Description

But He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you [My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation]; for [My] power is being perfected[and is completed and shows itself most effectively] in [your] weakness." Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ [may completely enfold me and] may dwell in me. So I am well pleased with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, and with difficulties, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak [in human strength], then I am strong [truly able, truly powerful, truly drawing from God's strength]." 1 Corinthians 12:9-10 AMPC

This past year ~2017~ quickly came to an end and with it the end of one of the most incredible grace abundant years of my life. It started with a 40-day breakfast fast where I prayed and intentionally sought the Lord for what I thought He had for me. It's funny because it's never what I think it will be. Within the first 30 days, He wrecked my so-called plans and has been beautifully destroying what I thought I wanted for something better {...happy tears}. He was making the dreams He placed in my heart a reality.

In the moment, I can tell you, the many tears that I cried were anything but happy. But as God pruned, scrubbed, cleaned, and restored the holes, gashes, the brokenness of my heart and began His remodeling work- there were many questions, many prayers in desperation, and moments of great weakness. But through it all- He was there and His grace in my weakness was something I've never experienced up to this point. He was expertly weaving together the plan He has for me. When I didn't think my heart could take any more. When I doubted and wondered why. When He took what I wanted. And my heart asked, "What is going on? Will the pain ever ease? Will my heart ever heal? Is restoration possible? Could He really work ALL this together for my good and His glory?"

As I sit here writing, I can honestly say as a stretched but sustained daughter of the King of Kings- through great joys and heartaches as a wife. Overwhelming moments and hopeful ones as a mom. At heart-wrenching but incredibly healing times as a daughter and sister. As a friend who sometimes got it

right and failed at times too. I saw Him. I felt Him. He strengthened me, even when I thought I was at my snapping point.

I now see He was preparing me, His grace was perfecting me. Making a way to help me accomplish the dreams He's placed inside of my heart. Through this past year, His grace was unbelievably sufficient, He's made me more confident in my life-long desire of becoming Chic- Confident and Happy in Christ. He gave me beautiful victories, incredible endings, and beautiful beginnings. He's begun bringing beauty from ashes and redeeming what I thought was dead. He's brought physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. He's making me new. The good works that He's begun in me He's completing in His beautiful albeit sometimes incredibly painful way.

Writing, speaking, encouraging. Those are some of the dreams our sweet Jesus has grafted in my heart and I'm so thankful, excited and full of anticipation as I step foot into the opportunity to share here and watch Him bring to life what He knit in me. I'm humbled and so thrilled that the time has come and I pray that as I share with you what He's putting on my heart that you'll not only know how priceless you are but that every day we can beam with confidence because of who He is making us all because of what His Spirit is accomplishing by our abiding with and in Him.

I'm excited to enter 2018 as a fellow blogger here on The Priceless Journey and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us.

Happy New Year!!

With love and many blessings,



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Lord, I'm Yours. Holy Spirit, I can't do this without You. This is Yours, God. Please do with it what You will through me and help me encourage myself and my fellow beauties in who we are because of You. Help us move forward to accomplish the dreams that You created us for no matter what we've faced, where we've come from or what our future holds. Thank You, Jesus, for this opportunity. Bless each reader, draw closer each heart, and help us to know You more, deeper, fuller. It's all for You, it's ALL about You, Jesus! In Your powerful, nothing impossible name I pray. Amen.

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