



Lesson 161 Sufficiency

My grace is sufficient, you each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. You are never alone in your trials. Your insufficiencies never overshadow your strengths, the strengths I gave you. In addition, you must remember once again that I AM with you, therefore My grace is sufficient. You each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. I meet your needs. No job or trial is too great when I AM there to help you through it. Think on this and then move forward.

Introduction

Today's lesson is about sufficiency. The Lord, for that matter, opened today's message in that manner, not only speaking of the sufficiency of grace, but He also acknowledged how that same grace addresses our insufficiencies as humans.

Now the first thing that we should understand is the definitions in and surrounding the word sufficiency.

Sufficiency:

-the state of being sufficient

Sufficient:

-adequate for purpose, enough

Synonyms: acceptable, ample, agreeable, pleasing

Insufficient:

-not sufficient, lacking in what is necessary or required

-deficient in force, quality or amount; inadequate

Synonyms: deficient, inadequate, faulty, incomplete

And these definitions in turn reminded me of several bible verses that address the issues of sufficiency and/or insufficiency:

Romans 5:8 *But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant.*

Ephesians 3:8 *To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given...*

Hebrews 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

What these verses tell us is that we humans are quite unique and intriguing yet insufficient. We have been created by the Lord, who is full of grace, and completely able to understand each and every one of us. But we walk in sin. Therefore we have become inadequate, incomplete, essentially, deficient and that is why Christ and His grace are so very important and remarkable to us all at the same time. For only Christ can who can lead us back from insufficiency. Only Christ can help us become the people we were created to be.

My Grace is Sufficient

As we move through this lesson what we will come to understand is that it is through Christ's grace that we are made sufficient. He began the lesson with this:

My grace is sufficient, you each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. You are never alone in your trials.

Now in previous lessons we have studied the definition of grace but let's take a moment and review this definition once more so that we can get a picture of where the Lord is leading us in this. Therefore, grace is defined as,

Grace:

-undeserved acceptance and love received from another, especially from the Lord

-a manifestation of favor especially by a superior

-favor, goodwill

-mercy, clemency, pardon

The message that is being delivered here is that because we have His undeserved acceptance and love, because we have this, then we can rest assured in the fact that He will be there for us, to help us face whatever trials or difficulties we may come up against in life.

John 16:33 *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Romans 12:12 *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

1 Peter 5:10 *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

He further guaranteed His love and acceptance (His grace) by assuring us that we **are never alone** in this.

August 13th God Calling – Perfection

Ever your Helper through dark to Light, through weakness to Power, through sin to Salvation, through danger to Security, through poverty to Plenty, through indifference to Love, through resentment to Perfect Forgiveness.

And from the bible:

Exodus 14:14 *The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.*

Psalms 23:4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

And from His Rhema word:

01/09/14 - **Stay focused, stay strong, for I am with you to keep you.**

01/11/14 - I AM with each one of you individually guiding and encouraging. I not only watch over but I also bring solutions.

01/13/14 - **I am pleased / pleased with the results / on path / continue on path / I will perfect / other things to do / hop to it / My grace abounds.**

The Lord's grace does abound. He is with each and every one of us. He is ever present offering His guidance and encouragement, as well as, His solutions that we may grow in His grace as well.

Your Strengths

As I was working on this lesson what the Lord helped me to understand is that He continually holds onto the image of the person He created us to be rather than the sinner we have actually become. Now I am not saying that He ignores the truth of any given situation, no, what I am saying is that He is ever guiding us back towards that person He created us to be. He does this by speaking words of truth to us, like this for example:

Your insufficiencies never overshadow your strengths, the strengths I gave you.

What He is saying here is that anything He created, as in the strengths He endowed you with, these strengths will outshine any insufficiency you may walk in yourself but you have to allow Him to guide you back to it.

April 15th God Calling - Never Feel Inadequate

Obey My demands. They are steps in the ladder that lead to success. Above all, keep calm, unmoved. Go back into the silence to recover this calm when it is lost even for one moment. You accomplish more by this than by all the activities of a long day. At all cost keep calm, you can help nobody when you are agitated. I, your Lord, see not as man sees.

Never feel inadequate for any task. All work here is accomplished by My Spirit, and that can flow through the most humble and lowly. It simply needs an unblocked channel. Rid yourself of self and all is well.

Pray about all, but concentrate on a few things until those are accomplished. I am watching over you. Strength for your daily, hourly task is provided. Yours is the fault, the sin, if it is unclaimed, and you fail for lack of it.

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9

Hence the Lord is teaching us to allow Him to guide us back to perfection. He is saying that any insufficiency we might have, or any inadequacy that we may feel, they can all be conquered by allowing His indwelling Spirit to flow through us. But what we must understand here is that we are not alone in these feelings, these situations, for when Moses was called by the Lord, he felt inadequate too, not up to the task, but the Lord said to him:

Exodus 4:10-12 *Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."*

Therefore the Lord offered words of encouragement to Moses. He explained to him that He would always be there for him. He spoke of those things He created and basically let us know that He can make all things right even those things that we believe to be insufficient. He let not only Moses know, but He lets us know as well, that He gives unto us those things which we need. After all remember it was the Lord who spoke of - **the strengths I gave you**. Additional words of encouragement and guidance come through this:

01/09/14 - I have called you for many purposes / many talents I have bestowed upon you / they work and operate for My kingdom purposes / let not the enemy boggle you down / I am with you / leading and teaching you / draw, draw, draw / I know what I want you to draw; I will show you / be patient in all things.

01/09/14 - You are learning My ways / never fret. Timing is everything. I am showing and moving / it is all about Me and My purposes / all is well / don't beat yourself up My son / I am with you / My ways, My ways, My ways / it is all in My ways / you know them / stay encouraged.

01/09/14 - I did not say it would be easy for My Bride. Pressure forms a more perfect stone, producing a perfect work.

01/10/14 - My Bride must work, no one else can do your job for you. I have chosen you to accomplish your tasks. Would I have chosen you, if you were not able to accomplish? Then know you are well able to handle all that I set before you to do. Move together as one in each task. I will bless your efforts. You will be victorious. You go forth in blessings.

01/13/14- Faith and trust in Me must be complete; give Me the weaknesses; bear them not; excel in My Wisdom. Hamper not My plans; stay out of self; deny self; come fully to Me; yielded.

01/13/14 - My Holy ones; Yes, I call you Holy; may your seeds of Holiness grow, expand, increase; faith and trust in Me must be complete; give Me the weaknesses; bear them not;

excel in My Wisdom; hamper not My plans; stay out of self; deny self; come fully to Me; yielded.

01/14/14 - Raise your hands-----peace be unto you. My will is being established in your life. Shake off the guilt, condemnation and unworthiness. Stand up and shake it off.

We have been called for a purpose, with many talents, many strengths, that have been given to us that we are to walk in but we must not allow feelings of inadequacy or insufficiency keep us from the tasks, the job we were created to do. Moses was slow of speech and slow of tongue but look at the work the Lord chose him for and Paul when speaking of his perceived insufficiencies and/or trials, He said this:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly, I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

And remember it was the Lord who began this message with this:

My grace is sufficient, you each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. You are never alone in your trials.

Whether our trials and difficulties are something we were given from birth, or something we are just beginning to face, the Lord is with us and we must remember that these **insufficiencies** will **never overshadow your strengths, the strengths** that the Lord **gave you**.

I AM with You

In the previous sections we learned that the Lord is always with us. He has given us strengths but we have insufficiencies as well. Some insufficiencies may be of our own making, yet some may have a purpose in the Lord. But the overriding message is that we have been created by the Lord and He has a plan for each one of us. So let's examine the next portion of today's message in order to see where the Lord is leading us:

In addition, you must remember once again that I AM with you, therefore My grace is sufficient. You each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you.

It appears from this that the Lord wants to make it crystal clear that He is always with us and as such there is never a trial or a difficulty we will face alone, without Him. But in order to completely grasp this message, I think, He has provided additional supportive words or documentation to further enhance this idea.

01/09/14 - Humbly come before Me seeking only to do My will, shut everything else out. Keep focused, let nothing distract you. Healing is coming down the river for mind, body and soul.

Take of Me and apply. Stay within the silent boundaries, I can do more here. Excellence in each, multiplying for the greater of the whole. Continue to grow greater in Me.

01/11/14 - I am molding My Bride into perfection follow the steps given do not complain but obey I know what's needed to achieve what I'm looking for/ Each step taken forward brings us closer to the final goal/ You can do this you must remain motivated do not draw back but press forward towards the high calling, I have made you for such a time as this/ Fulfill your purpose in the earth/ I need you all of you/ Actions rather than lip service.

01/15/14 - Uncertainties beset the mind but dash them away. I am guiding you each for your intended purpose.

Each of these passage make inferences to the fact that the Lord is always with us. He is there to address our needs. He is there to mold us into the person we need to become. He is there to guide and direct us towards healing and perfection. The insufficiencies of our own making will disappear under His tutelage. And this is only possible because He is always with us. Yes, He is always there.

Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

Exodus 33:14 *And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

Hebrews 13:5-6 *...He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper..."*

At this point, we are beginning to see a glimmer of light and insufficiencies are indeed beginning to seem inconsequential are they not?

I Meet Your Needs

In the last section the Lord primarily focused on the fact that He is always with us to help us along the way in this section we will discover the reason for the emphasis which came through these words:

I meet your needs. No job or trial is too great when I AM there to help you through it. Think on this and then move forward.

Therefore the reason why it is so important to understand that He is always present is because it is equally important to understand that He will always be able to meet all your needs. There is nothing too big for Him to tackle. There is nothing that He cannot help you through. He created the heaven and the earth, is anything too difficult for Him? This question was put to Abraham after Sarah laughed at the idea of her being able to have a baby after she was so old:

Genesis 18:9-14 *Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh,*

saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' **Is anything too hard for the Lord?** At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

And this same question was asked when the Lord spoke to Jeremiah regarding the Israelites:

Jeremiah 32:26-27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. **Is there anything too hard for Me?**"

But I think before we can completely understand the magnitude of what is being said here about the fact that the Lord is always with us and that there is nothing too hard for Him, before we can completely grasp that, we have to come to know Him in a deeper sort of way. This is an equally important element as well because we can't grow fully into the person He created us to be until we have a better understanding of Him and His grace. The bible encourages this:

2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Consequently, I think what we are going to learn here is that we don't need to try to come up with all the answers ourselves. We don't have to try and figure everything out on our own. What we need to do is meet with the Lord, come to know Him better, and through this guidance and direction will come. His grace is sufficient for our needs.

March 24th God Calling – Know Me

I am here. Seek not to know the future. Mercifully I veil it from you.

Faith is too priceless a possession to be sacrificed in order to purchase knowledge. But Faith itself is based on a knowledge of Me.

So remember that this evening time is not to learn the future, not to receive revelation of the Unseen, but to gain an intimate knowledge of Me which will teach you all things and be the very foundation of your faith.

Several examples of this message come through these passages where we can see that a deeper and more complete knowledge and relationship with the Lord will come as He guides us through trials, tribulations, and difficulties. He will help us along the road as we grow in Him not only in knowledge but in faith as well.

01/09/14 - Take each new experience and use for good. Think eternal in all. Spiritual mindset. I AM guiding and directing each... Guidance must be understood and followed to bring results. Fruit brought to perfection. Goal to achieve. Careful attention will accomplish.

01/09/14- Give Me the load; let silence lift it... Patience, again I say Patience; Look and Listen; must prepare... process My ways; stay in My footsteps.

01/09/14 - Take hold of your future. Grasp it, understand it is yours for the taking, bring it in. The key to your future is your obedience to Me. Be all that you can be in Me. I will bless you to achieve.

01/09/14 - Do not be discouraged, great progress being made. I AM here and with you. I have been the whole time.

01/10/14 - Each must walk out instruction given. Obedience is a choice each must make. I will guide but each must follow. Doing well. I AM revealing My will for each. Do not suppose.

01/10/14 - I AM wherever I need to be, Reach out to Me and take My hand, (I did), I will not pull you along...but I will lead you in all things, Let Me lead, Be diligent, Move forward...always forward.

01/11/14 - I AM your guide through all. I have given power and authority. Select few. Respect. Continual development. Brought to perfection. All is well. Press forward no looking back. New day has dawned.

01/11/14 - Practice perfection/ Think on this/ Perfect silence, perfect listening, instant obedience these are key/ Flow with Me follow My transitions/ It can be done/ Together a must We must learn togetherness/ No simple task/ Keep your best focus forward/ I am trusting you with this task/ I know you will not fail.

01/12/14 - Come now, seek My heart; truly seek; parallel My heart; closer, closer; do as I do; react as I react... I am calling My people into Holiness; must be; be not unaccountable; yearn for My truth in Holiness; seek it, put it on; seek, seek.

01/14/14 - I AM your supply. I AM your health. I AM your comfort. Your God Jesus is well able. Believe only do not doubt. Free will free choice. Believe all things are possible in your God Jesus.

Our faith and knowledge of the Lord are very important indeed. This is because they help us to move forward in obedience. They help us to become more sufficient in Him because we realize that He most definitely can follow through with His spoken word, because nothing is impossible for Him. He can do just as He said:

I meet your needs. No job or trial is too great when I AM there to help you through it. Think on this and then move forward.

Summation

Today's lesson was all about sufficiency. The Lord opened today's message by not only speaking of the sufficiency of grace, but He also acknowledged how that same grace addresses any insufficiencies we might have as humans. What we came to understand is that we humans are quite unique and intriguing yet insufficient in many ways. Yes, we have been created by the Lord, who is full of grace, and completely able to understand each and every one of us. But we walk in sin. Therefore we have become inadequate, incomplete, essentially, deficient and that is why Christ and His grace are so very important and remarkable to us all at the same time. For only Christ can lead us back from insufficiency.

Consequently, the Lord taught us to allow Him to guide us back to perfection. He said that any insufficiency we might have, or any inadequacy that we may feel, they can all be conquered by allowing His indwelling Spirit to flow through us. But we must come to know Him and His ways. We must meet with Him and allow Him to guide us along the way.

But then the Lord also drew our attention to Moses and Paul and the trials they faced in life. He reminded us that we were each created by the Lord himself and therefore there may be some parts of ourselves that we believe to be insufficiencies yet we were created thusly or we may have had some various trials we have had to experience but they likewise may have been conceived by Him. Hence the conclusion we can come to here is that some insufficiencies or some trials may have been given to us with a purpose. What we must remember is:

April 18th God Calling Eventide - God's Mosaic

Life is a journey. The choice as to who shall be your conductor is your own. Once that choice is made and you feel you have placed yourself in wise Hands, do not spoil your journey by frustrating the plans made for your comfort and happiness.

Rest content with the plans I have made for you. No detail has been too small for My loving consideration. Know that your lives are being truly God-conducted, and so will bring you the greatest happiness and success.

The greater the trust you repose in Me, the wider will be My scope for the plans I have made for you.

Life is a mosaic planned by God. Each God-directed thought, impulse, and action of yours is necessary to the carrying out of the perfect design.

That design is of exquisite workmanship.

And the Lord said:

My grace is sufficient, you each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. You are never alone in your trials. Your insufficiencies never overshadow your strengths, the strengths I gave you. In addition, you must remember once again that I AM with you, therefore My grace is sufficient. You each have trials and difficulties you face but I am always with each of you. I meet your needs. No job or trial is too great when I AM there to help you through it. Think on this and then move forward. That is all, you may go.

Psalm 139:1-18 *O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of

them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

And the Lord added this as well:

01/09/14 - Lay on your face / prostrate yourself before Me (did) / be still and know that I am God / I am leading you to new heights.

01/11/14 - I desire to bless My Bride with All that I Am; that together we be whole, truly one; come, come, come, come; come unto Me, into Me.

01/13/14 – Corrections receive, take it not as criticism but divine guidance for your growing. Mistakes learned from become strong points. Heed and learn.

01/13/14 – My desire is for each to be walking in the fullness of your God Jesus. Each opportunity starts the process.

01/14/14 - Cleansing fire being distributed to each.

01/15/14 - Molding a Holy people for My purposes/ Fear not you are being crafted by hand you will be perfected in Me for My purposes/ This is so/ Do not be discouraged I will do it in My timing/ Get in My rhythm operate within My flow this is where true power lies/ I need you My Bride the world needs you/ Come forth.

01/15/14 - Continue to press forward in Me. Keep focused on Me. Keep thinking about Me. Think about Me often throughout your day. Read my word. Take Me in. Be transformed. Be My vessel, ready for every good work. I AM looking for a few good vessels to carry out My plans. Avalanche, it only takes one to get it started. This is how I work. You are called to be a part of My plan. Do not take this lightly. Stay the course. Do not entertain the enemy. He is a liar. His ways are meant for your destruction. Come, come with Me and you shall have ever lasting peace.

The Lord's grace is sufficient. He will be there for you. There is no trial or difficulty that you have to face alone. Nothing is impossible for Him. Insufficiencies disappear because of the knowledge of Him and His purposes.

May the Lord bless you in this,
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