

Objective: God's grace in every struggle

Our theme for 2017 is Write Your Story. We want you to write a great story by the end of 2017 in every aspect of your life, whether it's your study, your relationship, your parenting, your family, your health, your financial, your ministry, and many more. To help you in writing your best story, we want to equip you with the solid truth from the Bible.

This week we will learn that Our good Father is present in every struggles that we face.

WELCOME

Belanja

Game ini akan melatih daya ingat kita dan teman-teman kita yang bermain, terlebih juga konsentrasi kita dilatih disini. Sekali tidak konsentrasi, bisa-bisa langsung kalah dalam permainan ini.

Cara bermainnya sangat mudah, orang pertama akan memulai dengan huruf A, dilanjutkan dengan B, C, dst.. Kalimat awal adalah "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli .. ", orang pertama mengucapkan benda yang berawalan huruf A, contoh: Ayam. Selanjutnya orang kedua melanjutkannya "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli Ayam [Benda berawalan huruf B]", orang ketiga melanjutkannya dengan berkata "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli Ayam [Benda berawalan huruf B] [Benda berawalan huruf C]" dan seterusnya sampai ada orang yang salah dalam mengingat benda-benda yang dibeli. Nah orang-orang yang salah itulah yang kalah dalam permainan ini.

Untuk perkembangan permainannya bisa menyesuaikan sendiri dengan jumlah orang dan durasi waktu terutama untuk menentukan siapa yang menang. Waktu saya bermain permainan ini kondisinya sedang diburu waktu, sehingga orang yang kalah sekali dalam permainan ini langsung gugur dan kita mendapatkan pemenang dari orang yang terakhir bertahan.

WORSHIP

Mari kita belajar untuk saling mendoakan dengan tuntunan Roh Kudus. Undanglah CC member untuk saling mendoakan, namun tungguilah sampai ada arahan Roh Kudus untuk mengatakan sesuatu.

WORD

The Sufficiency of God's Grace

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

8. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work.

9. As it is written: 'He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.'"

God is able because nothing is impossible with him. So whatever the power of the devil and his hosts, however great the combined forces of the authorities of this world, however weak the people of God may be today this has no debilitating effect on the Almighty Power who reigns in heaven and does whatsoever he pleases. Our God is able. He was able to make the heavens and earth in seven days and all very good. The Lord was able to command the winds and the waves. He was able to raise the dead. He is able to save the chief of sinners.

1. GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU.

It is because of the cross that God is able to make all grace abound. We can say that God can't get over the cross. It is ever before him and he thrills at its sight, all the splendour of his Son's devotion and service, all the magnificence of the Son's obedience to the death of the cross. There was that stupendous courage that sustained the Lord Jesus as for the sake of all that the Father had given to him he made that long journey from the life of heaven to death in this world.

So there is the abundance of forgiveness for repenting sinners. God multiplies his pardoning love to each of them. No matter the number of our falls – "Sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." Sometimes our consciences are overwhelmed with the sheer number and ceaseless reoccurrence of our own acts of disobedience. Conscience says, "Listen! For someone with as many sins and such black stains, there can be no hope for you. Grace is wonderful, of course, but it has its limits. For someone in your state what you need is the all abounding grace of forgiveness." Then the gospel responds, "That is exactly what you've got". There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, does not fail to cleanse a single sin.

2. IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES GRACE GIVES US ALL WE NEED.

The resources that God's grace gives us are also abundant. We are not only liberated from sin, and made averse to it but we are given new life in Christ which enables us to live to the glory of God. Paul makes that astonishing claim in his letter to the Philippians, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phils. 4:13).

The grace Paul is writing about it, of course, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the one who sits in the very midst of the throne and legislates and directs the affairs of heaven and earth bringing to a conclusion what God has planned.

3. HIS GRACE ENABLES US TO ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.

"Why," men say, "if all this is true, then these Christians can just live as they please because it is all of grace. If our salvation and preservation has nothing to do with a man's merit then we can please ourselves how we live." But look at the words of our text, those who have received God's abundant grace manifest it by doing abundant good works – "you will abound in every good work." It will happen. It must take place.

The power of God is made available to you! If you are struggling this morning with the issues of life, God's power is made available because His grace is sufficient.

God's Grace Is Sufficient in Suffering

I Peter 5:10 says, "Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little."

Notice the four things the "God of all grace" will personally do:

a. God Will Restore

If your life is falling apart, God can restore it!

If your marriage is falling apart, God can restore it!

Some of you look at the mess you are in and wonder how you will ever get back. I want you to know

that God restores lives in the midst of suffering.

b. God Will Establish

When I think of God establishing me, I immediately think of the house on the rock. No matter what comes against you, you can be established because of God's grace and His power.

c. God Will Strengthen

d. God Will Support

WARMTH

1. Apakah anda bisa ceritakan kisah hidup anda mengenai janji Tuhan dan perjalanan anda bersama dengan Tuhan di dalam menanti janjiNya?
2. Keraguan atau keyakinan (negative or positive experience) yang anda alami di dalam penantian anda?
3. Apakah yang anda pelajari selama menunggu janji Tuhan? Apakah anda menjadi semakin meragukan Tuhan atau semakin yakin dengan Tuhan?

WORK

Minggu ini, pilihlah 1-2 orang dari CC anda yang ingin anda kuatkan melalui doa atau kata2 penyemangat untuk perjalanan mereka dengan Tuhan.