

Saturday—April 13

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

As a child I grew up thinking that my job was to learn as much as I could so that when I became an adult and had a family it would be my job to impart as much wisdom as possible on them. When I first had my children I asked God to use me to teach them all they needed to know. It's not that He didn't answer that prayer, but more that He showed me it wasn't just my children who have so much to learn.

Our learning never ends because our mistakes never end and frankly I'm not sure who is learning more lessons these days, my two kids, or myself. I am almost certain it's still me. It's with my family that I make the most mistakes. Because let's be honest, isn't it our family, those we love the very most, who we can give our worst to? They are who see me at my lowest and most humbled. My family may see me at my low points but they are also the ones who see me receive God's daily grace and so many times they are the one's God shows me grace through.

I had asked God to use me, but the truth is there is no way he would use someone like me except for grace. I've made too many mistakes: been too angry, selfish, not given others the benefit of the doubt, too slow to give forgiveness. (I could go on) So why would God use any of us if we are like this? It's not because of who we are or what we have done. It is all about who God is and what God has done. God's grace is forgiveness. It's being lost and becoming found. Finding His strength in your brokenness. Being not worthy and yet with Him entirely worthy. Grace is God's gift to you and me.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gift of grace. I am undeserving but through your grace you show me your love and the way you see each one of us. I pray that my heart is open for what you would have me learn today. Amen.