

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I have a lovely phrase I want to share with you this morning. It is in **Romans 8:18 - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.** I often think of a little mother with her child. She is so thrilled when the baby is safely delivered and the baby is taking on and eating properly and sleeping properly. It is so wonderful! Somehow or other, all the getting of the baby there seems to just fade away. She is conscious that it happened, but somehow or other, she is so overwhelmed with the child!

Do you realize that the things that God allows to happen in your life, He does because out of it He is getting glory? Out of it, also, there is a maturing, a dependence, upon Him. He does not put the tests on you today that He did perhaps three or four years ago. He is allowing that in every situation, you learn more and more in the walk of dependence upon Him, and that the glory should be the Lord and that we anticipate what He is going to do.

I want you to know that one of the most amazing little phrases is the **grace of God.** Satan hates the grace of God. He hates that word. He hates that we draw on the Lord and see it is by His grace alone that we have the awesome privilege of being, literally, forgiven of our sin and our death and our hopelessness. Everything about us - not anything lovely - is all of grace. It is not of my works; it is not of all my wishing; it is not of all my effort; it is all of grace! Therefore, everything that is happening to us now

is through the grace of God that is being seen.

I feel that for some of us, our minds are distressed. It says in **Philippeans 2:5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**. You see, when we walk in the Lord and we draw on His Spirit to perform those things through us, we read that that Spirit quickens us; it spiritually makes us alive in Christ. In other words, what is happening in every situation, we can triumph in Christ. Satan might come and attack my emotions or attack something else. Of course, I am going to sin and fail, but the glorious solution is that I do not have to live in yesterday's failure. I can deal with this by bringing it to the Lord, and I am going to thank and praise Him that He has taken care of it and I am going to ask His forgiveness, but right away, I am going to ask for that fresh infilling of His Spirit. It is the word *rebound*. It is the most normal thing for every believer, if we want to walk filled full of the Lord. So we mess it up and something is not right and we sense that there is something within us where there has been a separation in the intimate walk with the Lord, so we come straight to Him to handle it. We do not hide it; we do not ignore it;; we do not think God has put us on a shelf. He wants us to constantly rebound and come back to Him. At the same time, He is taking care of things at the throne of God when Satan is coming and accusing us. We read also that when Satan would try to triumph over us, but at that very moment, we can turn around and say to the Lord, *I know that this father of lies, this evil one, Satan, has been defeated at the Cross and in Christ Jesus, I can be set free!*

There is a book called *Food for Faith*, which my husband wrote. The reason we mention this is because this book shows you how to take the Word of God. One of the most important things is to take the Word of God and let that be applied to your life

today.

When I delivered babies, many, many years ago in the British hospitals, I had the joy of seeing babies settle in and have a good meal and go to bed all content. However, every so often, there were just one or two who were just out for attention as for some reason or other, they just did not want to snuggle into Mother and have a nice meal at the milk bar. So, part of my responsibility at that time was to encourage the baby and encourage the mother and to get on that this baby would feed properly. There is a part of me that sees, that yes, you could say, *I am a believer. I love the Lord Jesus. He died for my sin.* But at the same time, you do not understand how to get something from the milk bar. You are not really receiving from God daily what you should from the Word. That is why I want you to have this book and to see it as the way that is going to help you take the Bible and to follow this through. Many churches have started to use it even in little groups. It is not pushing a book or pushing an author, but to show you how you might have your rightful food from the Word of God through the amazing fact that the Spirit of the Lord will feed you through the Word day by day.

Will you be willing to do that? Write and tell us. We want to hear from you. We love you and we are praying for you.

*In Jesus Name. Amen.*