

JESUS CAN provide

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“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)

INTRODUCTION _____

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Ephesians 3:20)

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13)

“For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.” (2 Corinthians 9:1-2)

1. The _____ of Vision

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

Quote: When Helen Keller was asked, “What would be worse than being born blind?” She answered, “Being born with sight and having no vision!”

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A. Grace of _____

“Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

B. Grace of God _____

THE GRACE OF JESUS BESTOWED

Quote: “The favor which God had shown them in exciting a spirit of liberality, and in enabling them to contribute.”

—**Albert Barnes**

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

THE GRACE OF THE MACEDONIANS BESTOWED

THE GRACE OF LANCASTER BAPTIST BESTOWED

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VISION PRESENTATION

2. The _____ of Vision

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Proverbs 29:18)

A. Despite _____

FINANCIAL AFFLICTION

Definition: *trial*—proving, testing

Definition: *affliction*—a pressing together, pressure tribulation, distress, straits

Definition: *liberality*—not self-seeking, openness of heart manifesting itself by generosity

PERSONAL AFFLICTION

“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;” (2 Thessalonians 1:4–6)

“And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:” (Acts 16:23)

“But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.” (Acts 17:5)

B. Power _____

Definition: *beyond*—over, more than, exceeding

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;” (Ephesians 3:16)

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

3. The _____ **of Vision**

A. Through _____

Quote: “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.”

Quote: “Stewardship is not about raising money, it’s about raising Christians who willingly trust God.”

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“Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,” (1 Chronicles 29:1-4)

B. Through _____

IN GRACE

Definition: *finish*—to bring to an end, to accomplish, to complete and execute

IN FAITH

Quote: “Faith is not a pill you take, it is a muscle you use.”
—Unknown

Quote: “Ministry takes place when divine resources flow through human channels to the glory of God.”

CONCLUSION _____

Quote: “A man may go to heaven without health, without riches, without honors, without learning, without friends; but he can never go there without Christ.”



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