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NEWSLETTER

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CHRIST IS ENOUGH

ONE OF THEM BELOVED, DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THE FIERY TRIAL WHEN IT COMES UPON YOU TO TEST YOU, AS THOUGH SOMETHING STRANGE WERE HAPPENING TO YOU. BUT REJOICE INsofar AS YOU SHARE CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS, THAT YOU MAY ALSO REJOICE AND BE GLAD WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED.

1 PETER 4:12-13

ON SUNDAY MORNING I MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD "ENOUGH" AS IT PERTAINS TO TRIALS AND FAITH. LIVING THE LAST 365 DAYS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO SAY WE'VE HAD ENOUGH. ENOUGH SICKNESS, ENOUGH PAIN, ENOUGH INCONVENIENCE, ENOUGH RESTRICTIONS, ENOUGH SORROW, ENOUGH LOSS. WE'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE (MOTIONING TO MY FOREHEAD). WE'VE HAD ENOUGH.

OUR FLESHLY CAPACITY FOR CHANGE AND LOSS IS LIMITED. AS A RESULT OF SIN, OUR BODIES GROW WEAK WITH SICKNESS AND TIME AND OUR DESIRES TO MAINTAIN COMFORT AND CONSISTENCY STEER OUR FEELINGS. THE HUMAN MIND IS COMPLEX AND, WHEN PUSHED TO ITS LIMITS, CAN EASILY BREAK. WHEN WE'VE HAD ENOUGH, WE LOSE FOCUS AND MOTIVATION.

CHRIST DID THE SAME THING. HE WAS PUSHED TO THE HUMAN LIMITS. HE WAS TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY. AS A RESULT, HE SYMPATHIZES WITH US. AS HE WAS ON THE CROSS, HE COULD HAVE SAID "ENOUGH!" AND CALLED AN ARMY OF ANGELS. BUT, HE ENDURED THE STRUGGLE. HE ENDURED THE PAIN EVEN TO THE POINT OF DEATH ON A CROSS. AS A RESULT OF HIM ENDURING THE CROSS, WE HAVE ALL WE NEED. BECAUSE OF HIM, WE HAVE ENOUGH. HE IS ENOUGH.

A FAVORITE SONG OF MINE IS TITLED "ENOUGH" BY SARA GROVES AND THE CHORUS GOES AS FOLLOWS:

REALLY WE DON'T NEED MUCH
JUST STRENGTH TO BELIEVE
THERE'S HONEY IN THE ROCK,
THERE'S MORE THAN WE SEE
IN THESE PATCHES OF JOY
THESE STRETCHES OF SORROW
THERE'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY
THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TOMORROW

IN OUR PATCHES OF JOY AND OUR STRETCHES OF SORROW, CHRIST IS ENOUGH. THE PEACE HE PROVIDES IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION AND CALLS US TO RELY FULLY ON HIM. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'VE HAD ENOUGH.

**GRACE AND PEACE,
ADAM McDANIEL**