

Ephesians 4:7

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Many years ago, the Lord called me on a fast. Desperately I wanted a breakthrough; yet I absolutely did not want to fast, as it had always been a miserable experience when ever I had attempted it earlier in my life. So thinking I was cunning, I told the Lord I would fast until the grace lifted. I was convinced that by lunch time I would be ravenous, and this would be my perfect way out. Who could argue with such wisdom, I reasoned.

But to my surprise, noon came and went, and I was not hungry. In fact, that evening my stomach was still not hungry. Yet I continued to obey, and to my absolute surprise, the fast lasted ten days. In my ignorance, if not arrogance, I had prayed for something I had never even heard of in fasting, God's Grace. Since that time the Lord has taken me on several fasts, and each time I have prayed for the grace to fast. In fact, each morning I seek new grace for the day, much the same way the children of Israel did with taking manna each morning. I have shared this truth with many believers since I stumbled upon it. Many thought I was full of hot air. One church I was attending a few years back had a corporate fast, and several people including the pastor said that for the first time they had experienced grace while fasting.

If you find this difficult to believe, let's look at **Matthew 4:1-2, Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.** It was truly grace that allowed Jesus to fast forty days and nights without being hungry. Additionally we are told in **Ephesians 4:7, But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.** Are you listening to what this scripture is saying? You and I have been given the same exact amount of grace, which Christ was given when He walked this earth. But not everything from heaven is measured out the same. Look with me at **John 3:34, "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.** Now let's look at **Romans 12:3, God has allotted to each a measure of faith.** So the Spirit of God is given without measure, yet faith is given a different measure to each one of us, but the measure of grace that was given to our Lord is exactly the same for you and me. What an awesome God we serve!

You and I have been equipped to succeed from our Heavenly Father. The problem is that we don't tap into all that He has provided. Perhaps we don't take His Word literally; we think that it is only suggestive or figurative. For those who believe this, they are deceived by the master of lies. Consider **Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

I exhort you today, to spend time in the Word of God, to see what the Lord has for you. Ask Him what He wants to do in your life, and for Him to equip you to succeed! Amen.