

Not All Days Are Created Equal

Our nation's Declaration of Independence includes the phrase "all men are created equal." The Declaration of Independence acknowledges the source, "that they are endowed, by their Creator..." Equality of God's children is an important concept for our nation. As we get up each morning, we tend to preview the day and judge the challenges and responsibilities that await us. We quickly realize that some days will be more challenging than others. Not all days are equally demanding. Instead of apprehensively approaching the day, give it over to God.



An interesting question to consider is, "Does God grant us equal power and Grace each day of our lives?"

In a recent reading of Jesus Calling, the November 11th devotion addresses this issue.

(Note: The Jesus Calling book is written in the first person as if Jesus were talking to you.) It says: ***"Do not let any set of circumstances intimidate you. The more challenging your day, the more of My Power I place at your disposal. You seem to think that I empower you equally each day, this is not so. Your tendency upon awakening is to assess the difficulties ahead of you, measuring them against your average strength. This is an exercise in unreality.***

I know what each of your days will contain, and I empower you accordingly. The degree to which I strengthen you on a given day is based mainly on two variables: the difficulty of your circumstances, and your willingness to depend on Me for help. Try more of My Power than usual. Look to me for all that you need, and watch to see what I will do. As your day, so shall your strength be."

The key point of the above writing is that God gives us whatever power we need *if* we are willing to depend on Him. The reading says that His power is "available" to us. We have to trust Him and lean on Him to unleash the power needed for the circumstances of the day. The bigger the need, the bigger the power available to you.

Martin Luther made a statement about coping with his most stressful days when he said, "I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer in order to get it all done." Instead of plunging into difficult days with only human powers, seek God's unlimited power. He will help you accomplish much more than you could do yourself.

The Bible Says: *Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always (Psalm 105:4). But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me (2 Corinthians 12:9).*

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord. Each day has its challenges – some more than others. We know that you are available to help us. Let us be willing to lean on you for power, strength, and wisdom. Amen.

ⁱ Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young, page 330