

GRACE: UNDERSTANDING FULL CIRCLE

God is Sovereign and in full control,
His plans are infinite and right.
I, as a finite man, don't understand,
Why life seems to be such a fight.

God is the potter and I am the clay, **(Isaiah 64:8)**
His vessel I am to be.
Some are made for honor and some for dishonor, **(Romans 9:21)**
Each one is unique in its own way.

Without God's love, I can't begin to love,
For God is the source of all. **(I John 4:7, 19)**
During all of the trials and troubles in life,
Many times I lose sight of my call.

God's ways are above my ways,
And His thoughts are above my thoughts. **(Isaiah 55:9)**
Trials and troubles are part of the test, **(James 1:2-4)**
That prepares me for His best. **(I Peter 1:6-7)**

For every action there is a reaction,
Life is full of Good and Evil.
When I want to do Good, Evil is right there with me, **(Romans 7:21)**
But I have the power to choose which one I will sanction.

Many times the wicked seem to prosper, **(Jeremiah 12:1)**
While the righteous suffer. **(Psalms 119:107, II Thessalonians 1:5)**
All my worries will be in vain. **(Matthew 6:25-34)**
Why, O God, do I have all this pain?

God knows all about my pain **(Psalms 44:21, I John 3:20)**
I wonder how it can ever be used for gain?
My anger wells up within me,
And my faith just seems to wither away.

Fear overcomes me, **(Psalms 55:5)**
And feelings of hopelessness set in.
Satan keeps working in my mind,
O Lord, Creator, be not far from me, where have You been? **(Psalms 71:12)**

God's Word says that all things work together for good,
To those who love Him and obey His call. **(Romans 8:28)**
He is mighty in all of His ways,
I must hope in Him with my very all. **(Psalms 38:15)**

As a man, I can not understand all this pain,
And I don't know how I should act,
Or how it could ever be used for good.
Now that I am a victim, in fact!

I know that I am frail and in need of God's help. **(Psalms 39:4)**
And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in Thee. **(Psalms 39:7)**
O Sovereign Lord, deal well with me for your name's sake,
Out of the goodness of Your mercy, deliver me. **(Psalms 109:21)**

God is Sovereign and can do as He chooses.
As His creation, I don't have the right,
To question Him and what He allows. **(Isaiah 29:16)**
I can only trust in His might!

Since I am a creation, I am not sovereign,
And I can't trust in myself. **(Proverbs 28:26)**
Only God, as Creator, is worthy of my trust,
Even when I am torn up and thrust.

I rise up early before the dawn,
And cry for Your help, O Lord.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
And in Your Word I do hope, O Lord. **(Psalms 130:5)**

The Apostle Paul asked to be relieved of his thorn,
Three times he asked, and no less. **(II Corinthians 12:7-8)**
God said, "My Grace is sufficient for you,
For My strength is made perfect in weakness." **(II Corinthians 12:9)**

How can God's Power be made perfect in my weakness?
How can I be used while in all this pain?
Only as I humble myself in the sight of the Lord,
Will He lift me up and enable me to bring gain. **(James 4:10)**

**So, that's what life is all about!
It's not about me, and what I think is a must.
It's about God, and WHO HE IS!
Sovereign Lord, worthy of praise and trust. (Psalms 18:2-3)**

Now I am beginning to understand.
It is not about me and what I think is fair.
I need to allow God to perfect His Power through me,
For life is a vapor that will soon blow away into thin air. (**James 4:14, Psalm 103:15-16**)

God will have mercy and compassion on whomever He wills. (**Romans 9:15**)
So then it is not of he who wills or runs,
But it is of God who shows mercy! (**Romans 9:16**)
May God raise me up and show His Power in me. (**Romans 9:17**)

O Sovereign Lord, I will proclaim Your mighty acts,
And I will declare your greatness. (**Psalms 145:6**)
I will proclaim Your Righteousness,
And Yours alone! (**Psalms 71:16**)

May I be able to say with my whole heart,
"But as for me, it is good for me to draw near to God.
I have put my trust in the Lord God,
That I may declare all Your works." (**Psalms 73:28**)

May I act with justice today,
And may I love mercy along the way.
May I walk humbly with God, (**Micah 6:8**)
And let His Power be my strength in weakness.

The Lord delights and takes pleasure,
In those who fear Him.
In those who put their hope,
In His unfailing love and mercy. (**Psalms 147:11**)

**At first I didn't understand,
But when I see myself in God's eternal light,
I realize that I have come full circle,
And now I know His plan is right!**

This poem is written for anyone who is struggling or hurting. The struggle or hurt that causes us pain may be factors such as emotional, financial, physical, physiological, psychological, or spiritual. The pain may not necessarily be limited to just one of these factors, but may include several at the same time.

An author always receives the first and most enduring impact from a created work. A summary that describes this poem's message can be stated as follows:

If the pain I may suffer or experience in life is viewed as a means of grace for me to trust God more fully, focus on God more intently, and praise God more abundantly, then the Sovereignty of God will be at work within me. His Grace will enable me to understand that my life is not about me and what I may think is fair or right, but it's about God, who He is, and His worthiness to be praised and trusted, no matter what may happen to me in my life.

**Life isn't about me and what I think is right,
It's about the Sovereign Lord, and all His might!**

May you be blessed, guided, and uplifted as you read these thoughts and words, and may God be glorified through all of your life.

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