

Falling Into Grace

Sustaining Grace

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God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished . . .

Philippians 1:6b NLT

My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

1 Peter 5:12b NLT

How to Experience God's Sustaining Grace ...

1. Call out for God's help.

(God) gives grace to the humble." So give yourselves completely to God . . .Come near to God, and God will come near to you. James 4:6b-8a NCV

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

2. Accept <u>support from others</u>.

By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 NCV**

Though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other. **Romans 12:5b GW**

3. Hold on to God's promises.

(God) gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak . . . those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. **Isaiah 40:29-31a NIV**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him from them all. **Psalm 34:19 NKJV, NIV**

4. Be <u>empowered by the Holy Spirit</u>.

God . . . is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve his purpose. **Philippians 2:13b Philips**

"When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power." Acts 1:8a TLB

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **Hebrews 4:16 NIV**