

If you want God's promises to be sure in your life, you cannot depend on yourself. If you depend on yourself - your obedience, goodness, service and even faith - you will not be able to receive God's promises. But when you depend on God's grace - His unmerited, unearned, undeserved favour toward you - that is when His promises become sure in your life.

This was true of the woman with the issue of blood. (Matthew 9:20-22) She didn't go around saying: "I must have faith...I hope that I have enough faith...I will not lose faith." No, she was only conscious of the grace of Jesus - how He always healed the sick, how powerful He was in raising the dead, and how willing He was to use that power for her healing. She just saw His grace abounding toward her, so much so that she said: "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." Then, when she came behind Jesus and touched the very hem of His garment, she was healed. At that same moment, Jesus stopped, turned around and said to her: "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." When the woman saw His grace, God saw her faith! So it was by grace, through faith, that God's promise became sure in her life.

God wants you to see His grace, and when you see His grace, He sees your faith. God says: "For by grace are you saved through faith." The Greek word for "saved", *sozo*, doesn't just mean to save from Hell, but also to heal, preserve and make whole. So it is by grace that you are made whole, kept healthy, preserved and blessed. It is by grace through faith that God's promises become sure in your life. Begin to see God's grace in your situation, and He will see that as faith. Because He sees your faith, you will receive the breakthrough you need!

Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."