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## Sufficiency in Christ

*By Johnny Caruso on April 26, 2021*

**TODAY'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 3

We live in a world overflowing with instant information. If you do not know something you can Google it and have the information you need within seconds. Sometimes we can depend on the information we get. Other times we face circumstances, learn a few things, and when a similar situation arises we lean on our experiences.

The world tells us God helps those who help themselves, which is not in the scripture anywhere. Our culture says, "Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps." The world tells us, "You've got this!"

Then life happens and we soon discover we are helpless. Often those feelings of helplessness lead to feeling hopeless. But the good news is we have a loving Father who does not leave us alone, no matter what we are going through. He makes us sufficient for whatever we face.

In Matthew 14, the story is about Peter getting out of the boat and walking on the water to Jesus. Can you imagine what that must have felt like? Peter did fine with his water walking until he took his eyes off the Lord. He noticed the wind, the waves, and he immediately started sinking down. What I love most about the story is how quickly Jesus reached out and saved him. There was no discipline, no shaming. Peter called and Jesus answered. It is the same for us. God makes us sufficient for whatever we face. And when we fail, He picks us up.

We are not in control over many of the circumstances in our lives. But we do have God's hand guiding us, providing for us and giving us the ability to work through and overcome whatever our circumstances may be. He makes us sufficient.

Most things that happen seem huge, and we become fearful. But when we learn to lean on the Lord and trust in His Word, He reminds us we are not alone. God is close enough to collect our tears and wipe away our fears as He leads us to the other side. We can look back and say, "We were not sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency was from God."

**PRAYER:** Father, thank You that we can depend on You and we do not have to trust in ourselves to overcome the circumstances and problems that we face. Help us to continue to look to You for the answers in life.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 4

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