Grace meets us where we are

Grace meets us where we are and does not leave us there, and for this we are grateful.

When we find ourselves in the garden of fear and lies, taking what is not ours to take and covering up our naked truth. Grace arrives and asks, 'Where are you?'. Grace witnesses our attempts to make clothes to cover up our bareness, and it is okay.

When we are disappointed with our own efforts of working hard, even through the night, casting our nets in places with no fish and nothing to show for it. Grace arrives at the shore and suggests we go into the deeper waters and cast our nets there.

When we stand at a well spring of our hearts, with a deep longing and thirst for anything that meets our deeper needs. Grace arrives, knows our story and offers living water that refreshes our souls.

When we are broken and brokenness describes our relationships and we are filled with fear and uncertainty, even letting go of any relational repair. Grace meets us in the mess of human interactions and embodies forgiveness and love that includes all at the wedding feast.

When we are in a dark night of the soul, where all is still and unseen, and hope for a sunrise seems distant. Grace meets us at the flicker of dawn and gently guides our small steps through the darkness.

When we are in awe of a lost ladybird on a road. Grace kneels before us with a leaf to save the small creature. Grace meets us in our innocence and playfulness, delighting in things that are tiny and insignificant.

When we are clouded by cynicism for the world and stop looking for signs of hope and transformation. Grace appears in the truth and reveals the ugliness that stands bare for gradual change.

When favoritism, power and control over others is upheld as normal, Grace humbles us with life itself and grounds our pie in the sky illusions.

When we least expect it, Grace comes alongside us. And what a surprise it is that Grace meets us exactly where we are at. And such a joy that Grace does not leave us there.

For this we are grateful and give thanks.

Amen.

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