

## SLEEPLESS IN SAN ANTONIO

Christmas in July. Welcome to my world. I wake up each morning realizing that 7000 children depend on me for their Christmas joy. As I am purchasing toys, arranging the Holiday parties, searching for a toy distribution warehouse, planning the Angel Tree calendar, scheduling seasonal staff and recruiting volunteers/donors; the demand of the Angel Tree weighs heavy in my heart and Spirit. I am grateful that the demand is shared by the 100 employees of The Salvation Army, but the responsibility to make sure the supply is met for each of the 3000 families still rests on my shoulders. During my many sleepless nights, I dwell on the DEMAND. I toss and turn considering solutions to all of the demands. Then a scripture nudges me:

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” Php. 4:19.*

The DEMAND MINDSET is disqualifying me from receiving the supply to all of my needs. As long as I insist on meeting my own needs and finding my own solutions, I will always fall short and still be in need. Because of my Demand mindset, I focus on what I don't have instead of what I do have.

Scripture says I need to be in a SUPPLY MINDSET. I have glorious riches, thanks to Christ Jesus. God's grace, favor and blessings are ours. We need to live and exist in the Riches of God's Grace. Grace is what brings rest to the soul and freedom from the demand. God is ready to release the supply for every need. Grace is what allows us to live with Christ in an effortless relationship. During those sleepless nights, we need pray *“To him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine”, Eph 3:20.*

Many of you can't escape the demands of life. You carry the heavy burden to provide for your children, to care for your elderly parents, to support your spouse, to provide encouragement to your friends, to maintain a job, to complete your education or to sustain your good health. This DEMAND MINDSET needs to be replaced with a SUPPLY MINDSET. You have to focus on the supply of Christ and in faith, rest in His word.

In the Bible there is a perfect example of the Supply and Demand mindset. In Mark 6:30- 44 we read where Jesus was presented with the demand to feed five thousand people. The disciples gathered around Jesus and presented possible solutions to the demand, but Jesus was in a different mindset. Jesus was in the SUPPLY mindset. The only food was the five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus knew, that by grace, God's riches could meet the need. Jesus gave thanks and the miracle was manifested. Not only did God's grace provide for the need, it blessed with an abundance of left-overs. What a mighty God we serve! Thank goodness that the cross is constantly supplying our needs.

Everyday be Jesus' Conscious and focus on the cross. Relinquish the demand in prayer and stand in God confidence ready to receive the supply of healing, provision, wisdom, knowledge and blessings. Let's not pray for victory, let's pray because of the victory!

*Eph. 3:12, “ In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence”.*

Live free and effortless. In the SUPPLY MINDSET the river of grace will carry you through, and allow God to be God.

Be free and full of grace,  
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