

DAY 25: GRECIA GUEL

“PORTRAITS OF GRACE”

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Hi Everyone, My name is Grecia Guel. I was born and raised in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. I was saved at the age of 8 when we had a mini-camp from our Christian School. God granted my wish to go to a Christian College in America, and when I was 19 I went off to study at Golden State Baptist College. I graduated a few years ago and came back home to serve and learn back at my church. I've had the privilege of teaching in our Christian School, our Bible College, and our church's and children's choir. I get the privilege of working with amazing people and learn from them. It's my desire to increase our faith, trust, and dependence on the Lord, and what better way to do it than by encouraging ourselves through these testimonies and devotionals. I hope it's a blessing to you. God bless you! Your Sister in Christ, Grecia Guel

“... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Hebrews 13:5

Remember how in my little bio I said God granted my wish of going off to Bible College in America? Well, that was just the beginning of one of my biggest adventures in which I got to see the very hand of God. When I was 8 years old a group from America came to my church and they sang beautifully, I turned, looked over at my Mom and said: “Mom, when I grow up, I will study in America.”

If I go into all the details I would probably bore all of you, but just to name a few things: My parents got their visas 30 minutes before we were supposed to be at the airport to take the plane. Let's just say it was a very hectic drive and arrival.

Getting to college was definitely a life-changing experience. It was my first time being away from home for a long period of time, separated from my family, my first time in a foreign country, my first time speaking a different language and of course my first time in college.

I remember the first night I slept in the college dorms, I felt so alone and I thought to myself: What were you thinking, Grecia? How did you ever think you were capable to come all this way and be by yourself? Then a voice that said: “Never alone, you are never alone.”

When the time for papers and projects came around, all of mine were returned because they were unreadable and pretty much without any logic, so again, I prayed: “Lord, help me.” Across from where I lived there was a girl that was an English major, and one of their projects for their semester was to tutor someone that struggled in English and help them with their projects. I couldn't believe it. There was the Lord again, watching always over me and saying, “You're not alone.”

There were several times where I didn't even have a quarter or a penny in my wallet and there was always someone that would say: “Do you want to come over to my house to eat with our family? Oh, and bring your laundry!” Again, never alone.

I specifically remember one semester where I thought I was not going to be able to go back because we couldn't afford it, and how I got a special permit and I was able to work on campus. Also, another time that we were short on money and one of my dad's friend called and said: “Grecia, my wife and I paid for the rest of your tuition for the semester.” You aren't alone.

I have literally hundreds of stories that back up the wonderful and merciful sustaining grace of God, and although the blessing was huge and the miracles enormous, the biggest blessing amongst everything that I experienced was, to see how God answered my prayers. I learned how personal and intimate God is. I had gone to church my entire life, and I knew God did great things and answered prayers, but this time, He answered my prayers. He did great things for me. After seeing over and over again that the Old Promise I will never leave you nor forsake you is, was and will be forever true, the only thing I can do is to reciprocate His faithfulness by being faithful and to pay back his undeserving mercy by honoring and serving Him for the rest of my days.

It is easy to determine in your heart to honor the Lord when you look at your life and you understand that without His faithful grace we would not be here.

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