DAY 6: RAQUEL CANALES

"PORTRAITS OF GRACE"
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"BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME." JOHN 1:12

My name is Raquel Canales. I was born in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. I studied in the Baptist Bible Institute in Mante, Tamaulipas, Mexico. I served the Lord in Saltillo for 13 years with my husband and family enjoying every minute of it. God's grace was with us there all the time, providing everything for the church and our family.

Sister's, a lot of us have heard many times about God's grace. But, do we fully understand the importance of this concept. Let's see its meaning first: Grace: Is Love, Kindness, mercy, and an unmerited gift. We can understand this concept better when we read this Bible verses that show us our condition. Romans 3:10 "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." We can also see in Romans 3:23 the reason: "For all have sinned"… We all have sinned, and sin is all the bad things we say, think or do.

Like lying, is a sin we often put colors to; sometimes we say: I told a white or pink lie. But that does not make it less a lie and lying is sin. That means we cannot justify ourselves and there is a terrible consequence, sin separates us from the glory of God. Here is where we see God's grace for mankind. One of the meanings of grace is: "an unmerited gift". But God in His love and kindness is willing to give us his grace. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten son, that whosever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We see God's grace to the world when he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ to pay for our sin. It was his sacrifice, the shedding of his blood that made possible, for God to give us the gift of his grace. And the biggest blessing of all is that we all can have it, it is FREE. Praise the Lord! John 3:16 says that is for all whosoever believeth in him. God does not show partiality of persons. Romans 2:11. Rich or poor, tall or short, God loves us and gives us his grace. How can we receive his grace? Through faith in Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1-2; 10:9).

Receiving Jesus Christ in our hearts as our Lord and Savior. (John 1:12) We need to share this gift of God's grace, so that more people come to Jesus Christ and enjoy this great blessing.

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