WOW: Word Of the Week

Leaning

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Learning to lean, learning to lean, we're learning to lean on Jesus, finding more power and grace than we've known, we're learning to lean on Jesus our Lord. (my slightly altered version of an old song)

Life buffets, obscuring clear sight. We look at troubles and look away from God.
A friend, sister in Christ, is going through intense immense problems. She wrote me.

In it all, God's goodness is being made visible…. We we cannot see. Hearing we do not have hearing, seeing we do have seeing, listening we do not have listening. **But Satan hides the good so he can take over.**

Faith is the victory, God's grace is much more than a trite explanation, it becomes a living principle. God's infathomable grace, beyond explanation but clearly visible when we experience it. It encourages and stabilizes us as we are leaning lest we fall.

God wants our trust and we delight to fulfill his desire. God deserves our trust Every day brings new opportunities to return the love he has given us.

Indeed, God's great grace favors us with every needed blessing to his glory. He graces us – gifts us, overflows us.

Our lives are destined to turn out for his glory because he is Lord and rules all –when we let him. Those who are his, and those who are against him – he subdues all things that we might see his Majesty.
I have grown to love leaning into Christ, being supplied for all our needs.
He is such a faithful comforter.

Another in my WOW series – lessons learned in the past four months since Jan's fall.

How many times have we sung it? Leaning, Leaning, Safe and secure from all alarm. Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. Or in the lesser known song I quoted above: learning to lean.

I look back. Did I know? I knew some things. I knew in some sense. Life was not perfect. God was real. And we leaned when tragedies struck – more than once. This is not the time or place to recount life's imperfections, inequalities, injustice.

I look back. Did I know? Perhaps. At least the song is accurate: we were learning to lean.

We have had to enroll for new "leaning lessons" in the past few months. Where can I go, seeking a refuge? Learning to lean: words I have sung repeatedly.

The words of our Christian sister are profound. God's grace is not some trite explanation or cute memory device: God's riches at Christ's expense. True, but so inadequate. Grace is for life, not just for salvation. Grace is the principle we live by. We learn to trust. Learning to lean – this that also learning to trust? Is that also learning what faith really looks like?

The outcome will be glory – because He is Lord. He rules. And when it looks like he doesn't rule and reign, he still does. In his good time, in his choice, he subdues all things and we behold his Majesty, the ultimate filling of grace and truth. I have hooked together 2 Peter 1 and John 1 there.

Thus, we say, we are little by little loving more and more this leaning into Christ, being supplied for all our needs. He provides. His providence. He is such a faithful comforter.