

DEVOTIONAL SERIES
I STAND AMAZED
CAPTAIN SHAWNA GOULDING



Many times, I've felt that my testimony is not comparable to the great testimonies of those whose lives have been significantly changed, or those who have experienced a *remarkable conversion*. Perhaps you're like me. This song gently reminds us that our transformation has nothing to do with who we were or who we are. Instead, it is about who God is and how He works in and through our lives. This is when we, no matter how we got here, can recognize just how incredible God's love truly is. We acknowledge it by saying, "I stand amazed in the presence of Your grace."

In his struggles (a "thorn in the flesh"), God reminds Paul that His grace is enough. Our weaknesses don't define us. God can work through our weaknesses.

While we can get caught up in our own worries or insecurities, we're reminded in this song and through Paul's writing that "*Christ's grace is always more than enough for you, and His power finds its full expression through your weakness.*" So I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I am weak, I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me. I'm not defeated by my weakness, but delighted! For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment, or when I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution because of my love for Christ, I am made yet stronger. "*For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10 TPT).

Hopefully, as you sing this song, you can pause and reflect on the incredible ways God works in our lives, with His grace transforming our hearts. As we spend time in the presence of the Creator, there are opportunities for growth and healing. We don't need to have it all figured out – He's right beside us, turning our challenges into beautiful testimonies. God's grace is a gentle yet powerful force that can heal our deepest wounds.

We are reminded that He takes away our fears and guides us through the darkest nights. We can declare, "With ev'ry breath, Lord, I am Yours, to live in Your true light." In our most vulnerable moments, we are not alone. Faith - trusting and knowing that even in our darkest hours, we are held by a loving Father who knows our every struggle.

Are there burdens that weigh heavily on your heart? Are there fears or worries that you could let go of today? Consider bringing those to God. He invites us to stand amazed in His presence, ready to receive His grace and healing.

May you find joy and strength in your weaknesses, embracing the reality that God's grace is sufficient. How glorious! Embrace His grace every day!