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I DARE to live by grace when I:

1 Deepen my understanding of how much God loves me.

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This way, with all of God's people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep his love is. You will know Christ's love, which goes far beyond any knowledge. I am praying this so that you may be completely filled with God. Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power he can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen.

The length of God's grace neutralizes my sin.

The depth of God's grace magnifies my salvation.

2 Admit my power to defeat sin isn't enough.

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But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't

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Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from his mighty strength. Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies.

3 Relinquish control of my life moment by moment.

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4 Express God's love to everyone.

Romans 7:25b-8:4 (LB)

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