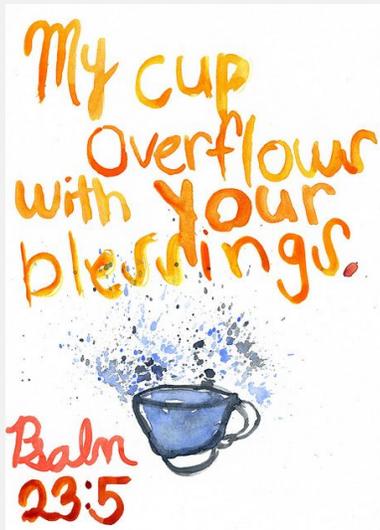




A Family Minute ~ July 2018

## More than Enough



How many times has this thought crossed your mind: "This is not enough!" That thought can apply to so many situations: food for a dinner party; money to pay the bills; your efforts to win an argument with your boss or spouse. Whatever the reason, we are always enough in the eyes of our heavenly Father. I believe that we all struggle with that truth.

### A Word from our Father

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Psalm 23**

Chris Tomlin is one of my all time favorite music artists and he happens to be an icon in the Christian music realm. If you didn't already know, many of the songs we sing in Contemporary worship are written by him. He is someone who, in my opinion, is clearly gifted to share the Gospel through his music and I can only imagine how many people God has reached through his music. As I prayed about what

God wanted to say on this topic of "More than Enough", these song lyrics popped into my head:

"All of you, is more than enough for, all of me, For every thirst and every need, You satisfy me with your love, And all I have in you, is more than enough."

Those lyrics are so simple. If I were to use my own words to describe what I think Chris Tomlin is trying to say with those lyrics, I would say this: God is enough. Of course, you and I know that the world would have us believe otherwise. Being successful at life means: the big house, the latest gadget, the Smart TV, the kids being 3 sport athletes, tropical (or ski if you prefer the cold) vacations, a 5.0 GPA, being on 4 different committees . . .the list goes on. I'm exhausted just writing this. Don't get me wrong, I believe that God is the source of all of the aforementioned list and so much more. That's the point. He is the source and that is why He is "More than Enough". Aren't you tired?

Matthew 11:28 says this: "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." That's not just a platitude that we can tell someone who is overwhelmed; it is an invitation from Jesus to know that He will in fact, give us all that we need if we would just come to Him. It isn't easy, I admit, because He has to remind me of that over and over again. One of the ways He does that is when I see kids playing. They don't have a care in the world. When "we seek first His kingdom and righteousness, all this will be given to us as well (Matthew 6:33). I pray that you think about what He is saying to you now, at this point in your life and your family's life, about what success is, about what is enough. Then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, let Him be the source of your satisfaction.

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