



HIS
GRACE
is sufficient

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

The Sufficiency of God

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:9, “But God said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

What a blessed inspiration from the man who experienced the goodness of God’s grace. If you look at this verse few words really portray God’s sufficiency. Grace means unmerited gift, none of us deserve God’s gift but he still gave it to you because of his goodness.

The next word I want to focus on is his "power which is made perfect in our weakness". This word brings comfort to us because situations and circumstances drain us of our strength. Paul had his list of hardships he endured for Christ. For example, beatings, stoning, shipwrecks, exposures, hunger and thirst, Jewish hostility, robbers, rivers, false Christians, and imprisonment. Throughout all this he says, “I will glory of the things which concerns mine infirmities” (2 Cor 11:23-28).

When God is saying his grace is sufficient for us, it truly means he turns our weakness into our strength. This is done through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. Through his grace we find strength to face our struggles and by his power we shall overcome. Paul’s heart was focused on Christ, therefore he received the abundance of God’s mercy.

In conclusion, you can be assured that God’s grace is sufficient in all your needs. He is the greatest source of strength, through his grace you can receive his abundant joy to have a blessed life. Would you ask for his grace every single day of your life, so you may experience the fullness of God’s power in your weakness. Every struggle and challenges can be conquered by the grace of God!

A smooth Sea Never Made A Good Sailor

By Johanna Yohannan

“People come and go, friends change, but the Lord remains faithful forever.” This world is a constant buzz, with new trends appearing every couple of weeks and old ones dying; it’s hard to keep up. But, as Christians, we have a firm reminder of someone always present for us to lean on and go to throughout all moments in our lives. However, when our faith gets challenged and our weaknesses are exposed, it becomes harder to remember all God has done for us and the promises and reassurances he’s made.

Yet, Paul sets a great example for us all to note as he shares a portion of a lesson God taught him about his difficulties in life, which he referred to as “The Thorn in the Flesh” in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. In verse 8, he writes about how he pleaded with the Lord three times that his “thorn” may depart from him. Through this, Paul reminds us to persistently seek God’s help, bringing our struggles before God. Oftentimes, weaknesses can be characterized as limitations pulling us back from achieving the best of us, however, we can choose to look at them as opportunities, allowing God’s power to intervene and work through us by acknowledging our weaknesses. These days, people always show the best sides of them, creating an image of a ‘perfect’ lifestyle or person, and many times this can influence us to believe that our struggles and faults are not welcome or reasonable. But, God denies those feelings, encouraging us to come to him with our troubles and anxieties using Paul as a good example for us to learn from; showing him embracing his struggles and faults rather than hiding them.

Through Paul, God also teaches us to be flexible and open to the changes grace does. The Lord shows Paul that grace shifts mindsets; instead of feeling defeated by challenges, we can boast in them just as Paul did. These changes allow us to rejoice in our pain, reminding us of the dependency on God and His unfailing power. Another lesson to take away from this passage is the ability to trust. Paul prayed for his thorn to be removed, however, God shifted his perspective to seeing that His power and His grace is enough. This teaches us that when God answers—even when it’s not what we prayed for—we can trust that His grace is enough for us. And, just as God told Paul, we can rest in His sufficiency instead of focusing on removing our struggles.

Therefore, we can be reassured that even in our weaknesses and lowest parts, God’s grace strengthens us, empowers us, and is more than enough for us.

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Sufficient

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Struggles

Strength

Mindset

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Grace

Thorn

Power

Trust

Weekly Meetings

Date	Time	Location
Monday	10:30 AM	@ Church
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	@ Zoom
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00AM	@ Zoom
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	@ Church

Mark Your Calendar

Event	Date	Location
General Body	3/15	@Church
ICPF	3/29	@Rock Church

Pray For Nations

Country	Capital	Population est.
North Macedonia	Skopje	1,819,000
Norway	Oslo	5,623,000
Oman	Muscat	5,307,000
Pakistan	Islamabad	255,749,000
Panama	Panama City	4,379,000