

God's Grace, Part 4

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 ESV

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Question: How do we thrive in God's sufficient grace?

12 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. – 2 Corinthians 12:1-6

1. We _____ and honor God over ourselves. (2 Corinthians 12:1-6)

Live it out!

Q: Where do I need to turn from my self-focus to God worship? Where am I being tempted to rely on my own understanding?

⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. – 2 Corinthians 12:7-8

2. We _____ to Him in our suffering. (2 Corinthians 12:7-8)

- The Gift: Suffering is meant to bring us closer to God. (⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. – Psalm 119:67)
- The Lesson: Some things can only be understood when we've gone through pain and suffering. (⁷¹ It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. - Psalm 119:71)
- The Value: We experience God in a different way. (¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. – Psalm 34:18)

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Q: When I am in pain, who or what do I turn to? Do I turn to God or the world?

⁹But he 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. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

3. We _____ His promises when we're in pain. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

⁵⁰This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. – Psalm 119:50

We turn to the promises of God by trusting the sufficient grace of God.

God's Promises:	
Protection:	Psalm 34:17; Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 138:7
Provision:	Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33; Jeremiah 29:11
Comfort:	Matthew 5:4, 11:28-30; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Strengthen:	Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 6:10-11
Guidance:	John 8:31-32; Joshua 1:9; Jeremiah 29:13

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Q: Where is God wanting to allow His power to be perfected in my weakness? What promise do I need to claim today?