



**Amazing
(Sufficient) Grace**
Sermon 6 – Pastor Kevin
November 13, 2022

MAIN SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

²³ Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. ²⁴ Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. ²⁶ I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.^[a]²⁷ I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

WARM-UP

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Life can get heavy in a hurry!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

- In 2 Corinthians 12:8-9, Paul asks God three different times to take away a "thorn" that had become a torment to him. What types of things do you/we typically ask God to "take away"? Why?
- Rather than taking Paul's thorn away, God says, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." First, how do you feel about God's response to Paul? Second, what do you think God means?
- In what ways have you experienced God's grace in the presence of your own weakness? This requires us to humble ourselves in our weaknesses. How might this humbling ultimately help us?

Thought #2 – We trust God to know what we need!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, Proverbs 3:5

- God doesn't always answer us the way we would like. How does knowing that God listens to you, loves you, cares for you, and is for you, even when He does not answer the way you would like? How hard is it for you to trust Jesus when His answers to your prayers aren't exactly what you would like to hear? How do you continue to trust in Him?
- What are the implications of truly comprehending that God's understanding is greater and beyond our understanding?

Thought #3 – God is so faithful to come alongside us on our journey and give us just enough of what we need for today!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

- What makes it difficult for us to trust God for today, especially when we are so aware of the needs that tomorrow will bring? How can we keep ourselves from running to mental "worst-case scenarios"?
- As a group, read Exodus 16:4-5. How can these verses help us understand what it means to trust the Lord for our daily bread (needs)?

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