



Series: Promises

Sermon: Part 6: My Grace Is Sufficient For You

Date: Sunday, August 6th, 2023

How do you deal with the storms in your life?

We live in a world that has been affected by sin and thus we all will face _____ in our lives.

*Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:7-9)*

Paul Shares About:

a. His problem: *"thorn in his flesh"*

b. His path to a solution: *"pleading with God" in prayer*

c. God's response: *"My grace is sufficient for you"*

_____ : God's undeserved favor and love towards us

_____ : Not giving to someone what they deserve

Once we acknowledge that we are insufficient on our own, we can then begin to allow God's grace to be sufficient for us.

"...for My power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:8)

It is relying on _____ strength for effectiveness rather than on our own energy, effort, or talents.

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)



Admitting our weaknesses stinks, but it is necessary in order to experience God's power in our lives.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)

For the believer: Trials and tribulations are not wasted as they help us get better and closer to God, so there's hope with our weaknesses and storms when we trust them in God's hands

For the unbeliever: Without this hope in God, trials and tribulations can lead to bitterness as one wonders why they are going through such things

What Does All This Mean For Us?

1. We learn that God's grace is _____

Only in surrender can we receive His grace and power.

Breath Prayer Examples: *"Jesus, help me feel Your love."* *"God, I surrender this to You."*

2. _____ is there in our hardships, struggles, and inefficiencies and we are not alone

God uses our trials and tribulations to build our endurance. That helps us develop character, deepens our trust in God, and gives us hope.

Bottom Line: *God's grace is sufficient for us and His power is made perfect in weakness.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. When was the last time you acknowledged your shortcomings to either yourself, to God, or to others?*
- 2. Where in your life do you need to acknowledge that you are insufficient and need God's grace to be sufficient for you?*
- 3. Who can you talk to to get the help and encouragement that you need?*

Songs used in service: Your Love Awakens Me (Phil Wickham), Death Was Arrested (North Point Worship), Revelation Song (Kari Jobe), Trust It All (North Point Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?