

2 CORINTHIANS | HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

Have you ever felt afflicted, and the situation persists no matter how much you pray? Does it ever seem like God is not answering your prayers for comfort? Do you ever feel too weak to be used by God? Paul faced these questions in his ministry. In our passage today, Paul continues to go toe to toe with false teachers. He boasted not only in his superior pedigree and service for Christ compared to his adversaries, but also in his struggles as he was misunderstood, mistreated, and humiliated for Christ. His opponents must have bragged about supposed visions they received. Paul saw several visions from God reported in Acts. Now, he would speak of a vision "this man" had. Paul speaks of a "thorn" he struggled with, the grace of God, and the secret to power in weakness. What do we need to remember when we face affliction and suffering?

1. We must remember _____ are never a substitute for the certainty of the _____ of God.
2. We must remember _____ does not mean the God does not hear us or that He is not working on our behalf.
3. We must remember that God gives us _____ that is _____ to meet our greatest _____.
4. We must remember that God's _____ increases as our _____ decreases and our _____ deepens.