## "God's Grace is Sufficient"

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Goal: That the hearers would embrace their thorns (whatever they may be) as gifts from God and tools that can be used for His purposes.

I. ALL OF US HAVE W\_\_\_\_\_

A. There are no P\_\_\_\_\_ 10's.

1. Some are p\_\_\_\_\_

2. Some are m\_\_\_\_\_

3. Some have to do with our c\_\_\_\_\_

B. St. Paul had his "thorn in the flesh."

D. How could God send a m\_\_\_\_\_ of Satan?

"So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head." (Job 2:7)

E. Not to d\_\_\_\_\_ faith, but to s\_\_\_\_\_ it.

F. R\_\_\_\_\_ in your flaws!

<u>Memory Verse:</u> "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

## II. WEAKNESSES CAN BECOME S\_\_\_\_\_

A. When They Cause Us to G\_\_\_\_\_

1. S\_\_\_\_\_ maturity is forged in life's furnace.

2. Our dis\_\_\_\_\_ are God's a\_\_\_\_\_

B. When They Make us More D\_\_\_\_\_

C. When They Make Us More D\_\_\_\_\_ on God

1. They keep us h\_\_\_\_\_.

2. They keep us u\_\_\_\_\_.

3. They g\_\_\_\_\_ God.

*"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (v. 9b)* 

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (v. 10)

## MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- □ Memorize 2 Corinthians 12:9.
- □ Learn to rejoice in your flaws!
- □ Use your weakness to demonstrate God's power.
- □ Commit to attending worship services every Sunday in Lent to complete your journey with Jesus to the cross.

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