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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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His Grace Is Sufficient

2 CORINTHIANS 12:6-10 NIV – (6) Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, (7) or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. (8) Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. (9) But 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (10) 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.

As believers, we readily attribute our salvation to God's grace, but what does "this grace in which we stand" mean to us now (**Rom. 5:2**)? How does it work out in everyday life, especially when we're going through periods of trial or suffering?

1. The Lord's grace releases His supernatural power within us so we can endure life's hardships with a godly attitude. In fact, we'll be able to rejoice in what He is doing in us through the adversity.
2. Grace builds our confidence in the sovereign Lord. Nothing looks hopeless when we focus on Him instead of on our problems.
3. We discover the assurance of God's sustaining presence as He walks with us every step of the way.
4. Because we've experienced His care for us, we are able to show empathy and love to others facing hard times.
5. During fiery trials, grace works to transform our character so that others can see Jesus reflect in us.

Difficulties in life are unavoidable, so we need a daily dose of God's grace if we are to walk through trials with confidence that, there is a greater reward on the other side. If we rely on our own strength, obstacles will appear insurmountable, leaving us discouraged and ready to give up.

Too often believers rely on Christ for their salvation but then try to go solo. If God's grace was needed to save us, then logic says we would also need it for the rest of our days. As [Resurrection Sunday](#) approaches let us keep this in mind, only through a continuous infusion of His sustaining power can we live a victorious Christian life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 15:7-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He died, so we could live.

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