

Grace Gives Me Strength 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

MAIN THOUGHT: Grace teaches me how to daily depend upon God.

COUNTER THOUGHT: When I try to live on just “spiritual experiences”, I can never live a “strong” Christian life. As good as these spiritual experiences with God are, they can never substitute for a daily dependence upon God.

MAN’S FORMULA FOR STRENGTH: BOASTING (12:1-6)

*See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!
(Galatians 6:11 NKJV)*

GOD’S FORMULA FOR STRENGTH: HUMILITY (12:7-10)

“...Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so I would not exalt myself.” (2 Corinthians 12:7, HCSB)

Suffering is a tool God uses to build Godly character.

“But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9, HCSB)

DIFFERENT MEDICAL CASES OF WEAKNESSES THAT WE CAN ENCOUNTER

- Case #1 strong-weak-die
- Case #2 strong-weak-strong again (us)
- Case #3 strong-weak-strong again (God)
- Case #4 strong-weak-strength in weakness