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YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

MATTHEW 24:14

PS IMELDA MESA

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



2 Cor 12:6-9
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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.

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I. Sufficient grace is God's ability, demonstrated in man's inability.

Grace is charis in Greek.

It is translated as kindness, gift, mercy, goodwill, favor, blessing, a special manifestation of the divine presence, activity, power or glory.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.



II. Sufficient grace is God's promise to those who ask (12:8).

Apostle Paul asked God three times to remove his infirmity (thorn in the flesh). God declined and promised him sufficient grace instead.



III. Sufficient grace is to magnify the works of God “for when we are weak, He is strong” (12:10).



- a. Boasting is thinking more highly of oneself than he should.
- b. Boasting is foolish and fleshly.
- c. You don't gain many friends by being boastful.
- d. Boasting about oneself is repulsive to God (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5).

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James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

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- e. Paul has many things he can boast about. He is a man of impressive credentials, but he chose to look like a fool boasting about His weakness.



Paul's credentials:

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.

23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.



**2 Cor
11:22-29**

Paul's credentials:

**24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.
25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,
26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews,**



**2 Cor
11:22-29**

Paul's credentials:

in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.



**2 Cor
11:22-29**

Paul's credential:

28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?



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- f. Boasting about God’s nature and character expressed through His mighty works are glorifying and pleasing to God.



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Daniel 4:37

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

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2 Corinthians 4:15

For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.



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“The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.”

- Anonymous

Apostle Paul struggled with a “thorn in the flesh.” He chose not to be bitter against God not removing it because, in such a place of weakness, he received the grace of God and enjoyed God’s mighty power firsthand. God’s sufficient grace took him farther than he could on his own.

Conclusion





Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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