



Week 2, Day 3:

READING:

Even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT)

There were three seasons that Paul begged God to take away his difficulty. Paul was not denied his request because of a lack of faith. Paul had an amazing faith that enabled him to face confidently many challenges. The answer from God was, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” The answer for Paul was “no”, but it was “no” with a promise. It is a promise that God’s strength will be enough. It is a promise that somehow we will be stronger because we had to depend on Christ.

TAKE ACTION: Write down verse 9 on an index card or somewhere visible to encourage you in this truth.

FOR FURTHER STUDY: [Read Judges 7:1-23.](#)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- What purpose does God give for weakening Gideon’s army by reducing their numbers?
- How would God’s promise of sufficiency be encouraging to Gideon?
- How is God’s promise of sufficiency encouraging to you?