



Reset – Pt. 4

Discuss –

- 1) Do you now, or have you ever had, a thorn in the flesh? How did God respond when you asked him to take it away?**
- 2) Why is God's grace sufficient? What does it mean that God's power is made perfect in our weaknesses?**
- 3) What message are you listening to? How does God's message help you see your weakness as something that he can use, rather than as something that disqualifies you from serving?**

Close in prayer. Pray for safety during the storm.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

It is ^[a]doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³ And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵ Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. ⁶ For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to ^[b]buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Psalm 3:3

But You, O Lord, *are* a shield ^[a]for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head.