

Turning Our Pains into Praises -p2

II Cor 12:7-10

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ISAIAH 66 9

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- **Plan**
- **Path**
- **Promise**

Romans 8:28 (NLT2)

²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

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To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
to give unto them beauty for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,

God Promises an Exchange

**GOD TURNS
— BROKENNESS —
INTO BEAUTY.**

the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Isaiah 61:3



a THORN
in the FLESH

Paul's "thorn in the flesh" has had a Lot of Interpretations

- **"Skolop" = a Pointed Thing.**
- **Something**
 - **of a Bodily Annoyance/ Disability.**
 - **Pain that Bothers us....**
 - ...Physically, Mentally, Emotionally, Spiritually**
- **Paul Prayed that His "Thorn" Be Taken Out.**
- **But God Responded...**

"Let the Pain Remain, Paul, it's Good for You".

sufficient **GRACE**

dealing with the thorn in your flesh | 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Raise a

- **Barrier**
- **Shield**
- **Defend**
- **Make More than Enough**

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❖ Pain Keeps Our Feet on the Ground.

“To keep me from becoming conceited”... (7)

- Above Measure= “to exalt self above measure”
 - Prevents Conceit ...Improper View -Focus Lost
 - Protects Us from Us ...Implosion
 - Pain Becomes
 - Eye-Opener
 - God’s Tool to Protect Us

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..To keep me from becoming conceited, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

- **Paul's Pain was Not an Offer**
 - **It was Given**
 - **God Gave It**
 - **If God Gave It, It Must Be Good for Paul**
- **We View the Presence of Pain / Problems to Be...**
 - ...Unwanted, Ingredients of Life

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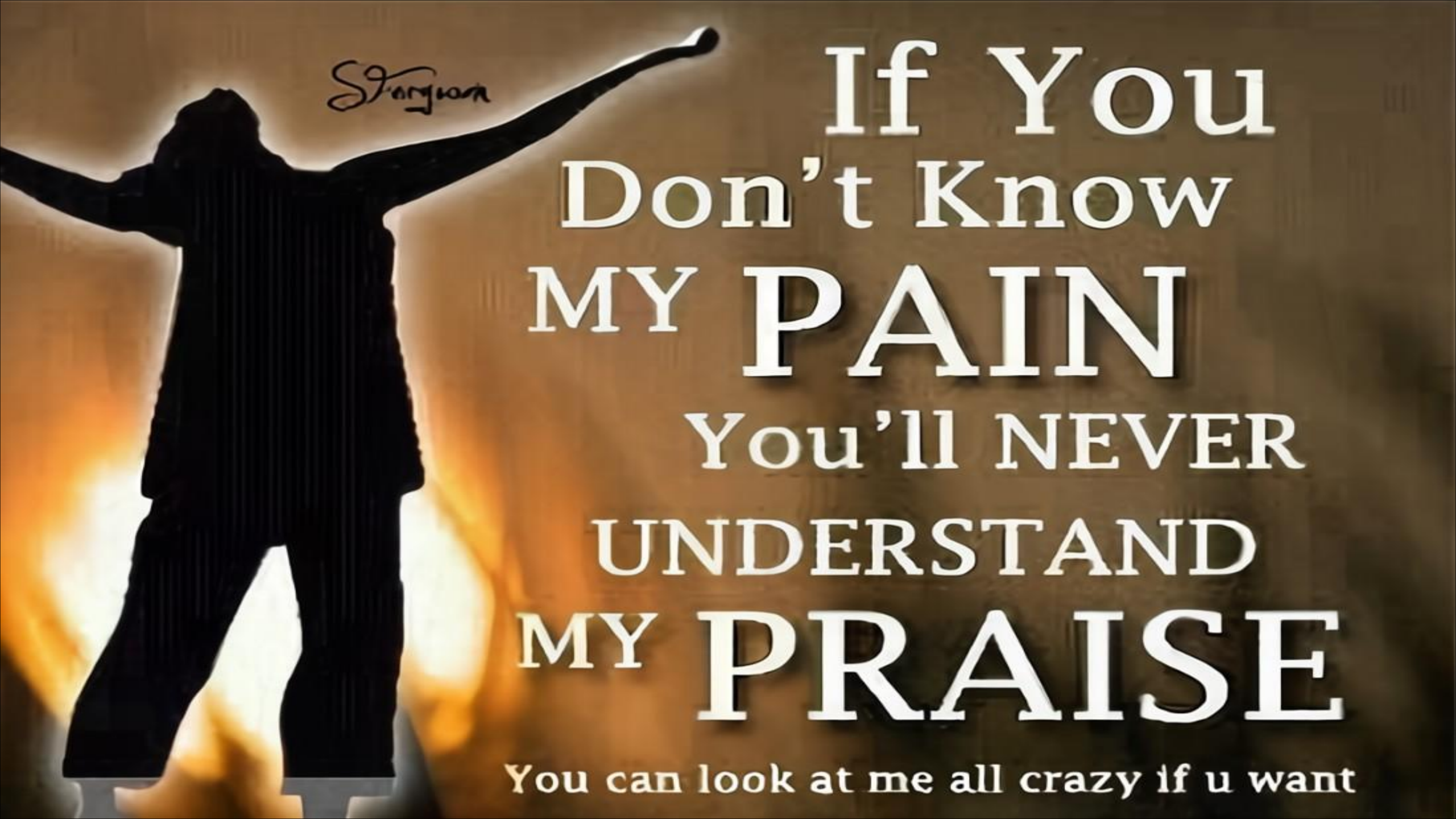
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❖ Pain Keeps Our Faith On the Grind!

“A Messenger of Satan to Torment Me...”

Buffet= “torment” “strike with a fist”

- It Was Meant to Put Paul On the Anvil Of God
- One Good Reason to Simply Accept Our Pains
 - ...They Sharpen Our Faith
 - ...Pain Is God’s Tool to Perfect Us

A black silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a warm, golden sunset background. The person is wearing a long, flowing robe. The overall mood is one of spiritual expression and vulnerability.

Stargazer

If You
Don't Know
MY PAIN
You'll NEVER
UNDERSTAND
MY PRAISE

You can look at me all crazy if u want

Appreciate the Essence of your Pains! (9)

Don't Know
MY PAIN

*... I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,
so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

- How Could a Sane Person Appreciate Pain?

- But Paul was saying,

"boast all the more gladly about our weaknesses"

- **Infirmities= weakness-corruption- pain**

- **Focus Changed**

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A conceptual image featuring a dark, flat surface that has been cut away to form a deep, rectangular gap. The word "GRACE" is written in large, bold, black, three-dimensional block letters across the top edge of this gap. On the left side of the cliff edge, a small, dark silhouette of a person stands, looking towards the gap. The background is a soft, hazy sky with a gradient from light blue to pale yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and symbolic.

GRACE

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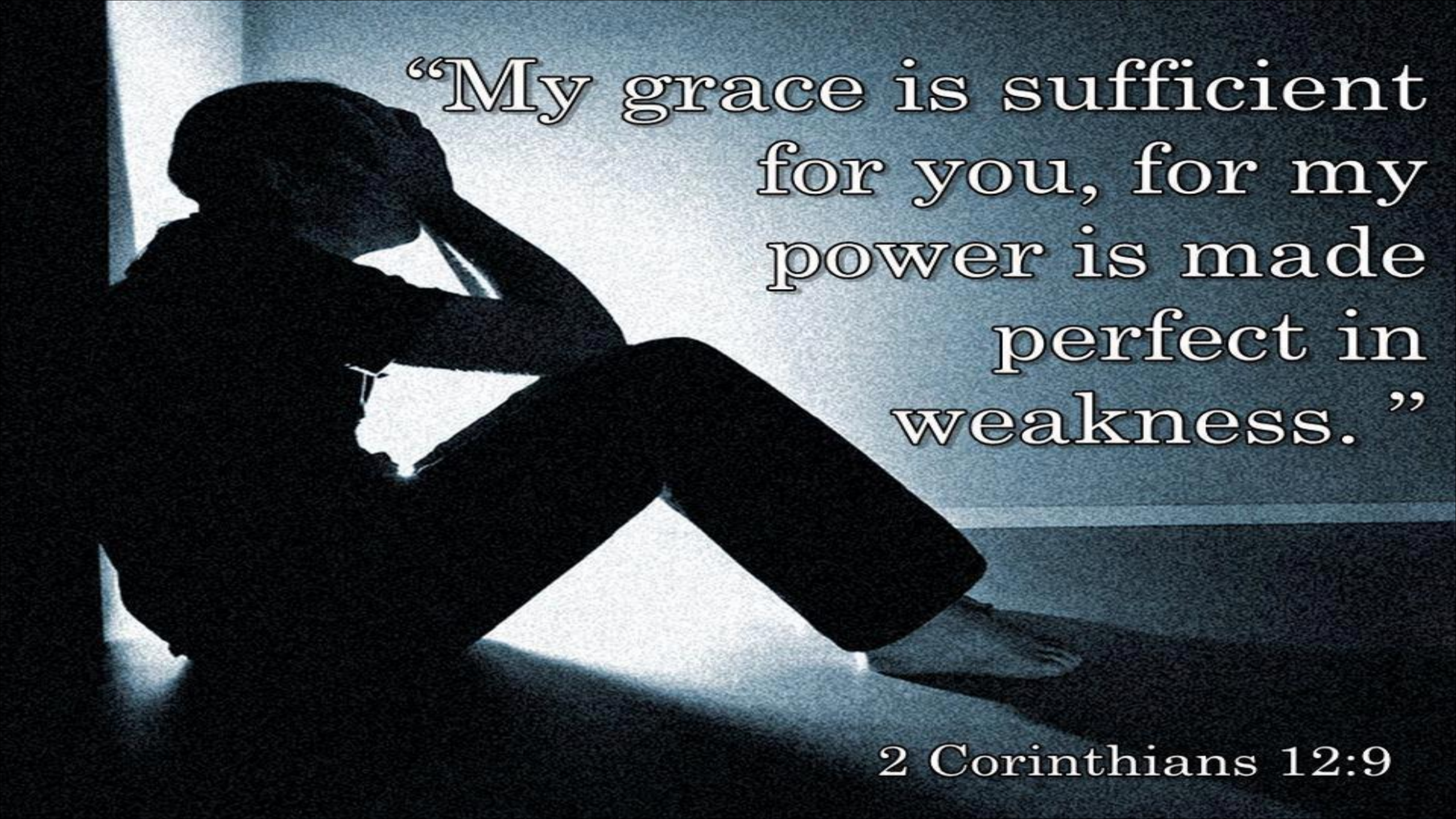
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✓ Take Pleasure in the Fact that Grace Comes to the Rescue

- **Grace Works Best During the Frail Moments of Time.**

- **When I am Weak – Can't Handle the Situation...**

...Jesus is the Strong One, Steps Up and He Rescues!



“My grace is sufficient
for you, for my
power is made
perfect in
weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

Four Things You Can Take Pleasure In—*No Matter What*

✓ Take Pleasure that Grace Brings the Supernatural

- **Grace is defined as—God’s supernatural touching our natural.**

“...Christ’s power may rest on me...”

Rest= build a tent- working within- giving help

✓ Take Pleasure in the Fact that God Called You to Believe

Believe that God’s Grace is Enough....

**“My grace is sufficient
for you**



**for my power is made perfect
in weakness.” 2 Cor 12:9**

... for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, ..insults, in hardships, in persecutions, difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- **The Best Result of Pain is a Refined Character**
- **Life Is 10% What Happens to You and 90% How We Respond**

❖ Our Pain Enhances our Contentment!

"I delight in weaknesses..."

- **Delight=“to be willing and to take pleasure”.**
- **Weak= “impotency or unable to do anything”**
 - **Strong=“able to do everything”.**
- **God Uses Pain as a Measure of Our Faith**
- **When Stripped of Human Strength that We Can Be ...**
...Useful and Mighty in His Strength

in weakness.” 2 Cor 12:9

**THE PAIN THAT
YOU'VE BEEN FEELING,
CAN'T COMPARE TO
THE JOY THAT'S
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Romans 8:18

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