

The Unfailing Grace of God

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Apostle Paul Faced many Brushes with Death as a Minister of Christ.
(2 Corinthians 11:23-30)

TROUBLE is a Part of life & Christians are NOT exempt.

When LIFE goes Counter to the way we Expect, HOW are we to RESPOND?

1. OUR NECESSITY FOR GOD'S GRACE. (2 Corinthians 4:7-9)

- WHY do we NEED God's Grace? (2 Corinthians 4:7-9)
- We are Vessels made of DIRT...
- Our Problems may manifest as Physical Sickness, Difficult Situations or Troubling Sins...
- Paul speaks of a Kind of TROUBLE he was Having...(2 Corinthians 12:7)
- WHAT'S YOUR THORN?

2. GOD'S PROVISION OF HIS GRACE. (2 Corinthians 12:8-9a)

- Paul asked God Three Times to Remove his TROUBLE...to Detach the THORN...to Make Satan's MESSENGER Depart...(2 Corinthians 12:8-9a)
- Instead of Taking Away the Thorn, Paul was Given Grace to Live with it...
- If EVERY Christian needed a MAXIMUM Amount of Grace at the SAME Time, there would still be NO Shortage.
- In GOOD Seasons or BAD...GOD IS ENOUGH!

3. OUR BENEFITS FROM GOD'S GRACE.

- What are the RESULTS of Tapping into God's Grace in our "THORNY Seasons?"
- God's Grace Produces POWER. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- God's Grace Provides PERSPECTIVE (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
- God's Grace Pushes PERSEVERANCE. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)
- God's Grace Promotes PRAISE.
- 1.) So THAT the Power may be of GOD & NOT of US. (2 Corinthians 4:7)
- 2.) So THAT the Life of JESUS may be Manifested in our FLESH. (2 Corinthians 4:10)
- 3.) So THAT the Power of CHRIST may rest upon US. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- God's Grace...It's ALL about JESUS, NOT All About US...