

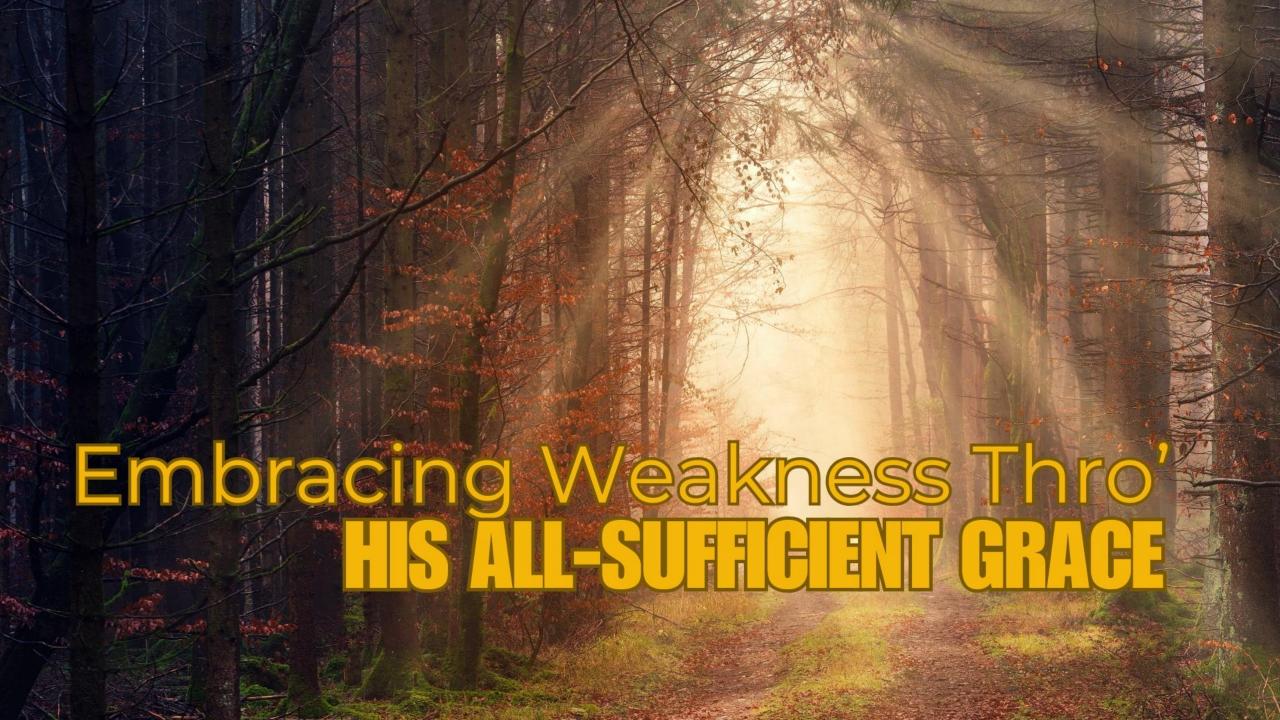
#### What would you do with the cracked pot?

## "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Cor 12:9a (NIV)

## "My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness."

2 Cor 12:9a (The Message)



# I. EMBRACE OUR WEAKNESS

## In our world, weaknesses are often viewed as failures.

## God sees our weakness on a radically different light.

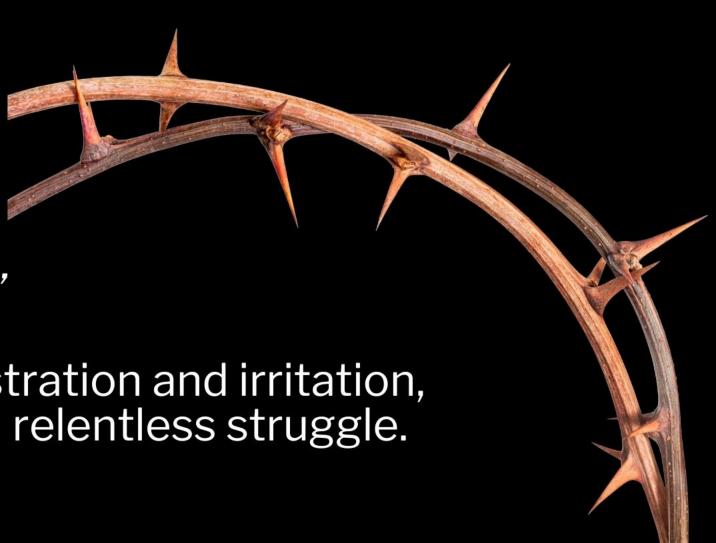


Through our weakness, God's grace and power can be perfectly demonstrated, producing supernatural results.

#### "Thorn in the Flesh"

Greek word: 'skolops"

- a tent stake
- caused intense frustration and irritation, unceasing pain, and relentless struggle.



## "Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me."

2 Cor 12:8

## God's answer to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you..."

2 Cor 12:9a





"Until we come to the end of ourselves and acknowledge our insufficiency, we cannot truly and fully experience the all-sufficient grace of God."

Acknowledging our weakness is not an act of utter defeat but beautiful surrender.

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

2 Cor 12:9b

### **B.** Reframing Our Perspective



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Great tribulation brings out the great strength of God. If you never feel inward conflicts and sinking of soul, you do not know much of the upholding power of God.

Charles Spurgeon

#### **MOSES**

"I am not eloquent... I am slow of speech and tongue" Exo 4:10

#### GOD

"Who gave human beings their mouths? ... Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say"

Exo 4: 11-12

#### **GIDEON**

"But Lord, how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family"

Jud 6:15

#### GOD

"I will be with you."

#### SARAH

Laughed at the idea of bearing a child in her old age

#### GOD

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Gen 18: 12-13

## Weaknesses are never an obstacle to His plans but an

## OPPORTUNITY

for His power to be revealed.



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# DIE PEND ON HIS ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE



#### Sufficient

Greek word: 'arkeō,"

— "to be enough" or "adequate."

## God's sustaining grace does not always remove the burden, but empowers us to bear our weakness.



#### **B. God's Grace Transforms Us**

#### "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

2 Cor 4:7



## It's not what's missing in your life that counts, but what you do with what.

Nick Vujicic

