**My Grace is Sufficient for You**

**(Prayer in Times of Trouble)**

2 Co 12:1-10

Key verses 8-9a, “Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”

1. What was given to Paul (7b)? How did he describe his troubles? Based on this passage, when was he given this thorn? What troubles are you going through?

2. How did he respond to this thorn (8)? What were his prayers like? What did he learn through prayer about the cause of his thorn (7-8)? Think about the importance of prayer in times of trouble.

3. What was God’s answer to Paul’s prayers (9a)? What was God trying to teach him (9b; Ro 8:28,35)?

4. How did God’s answer to his prayers change his view of all kinds of suffering (10)? How did God use his answered prayer to enable him to shepherd others in the midst of boasters (2Co 11:18,30; 1:3-5)?

5. How did Jesus demonstrate the ultimate example of receiving God’s power in weakness (Heb 5:7-9)?

6. In light of Paul’s and Jesus’ examples, what attitude should we have toward all of our own weaknesses and sufferings (Jas 1:2-3)? How should we pray (Jas 1:4-5)?