

Sermon Notes | 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1. The Grace of God Lifts Me Up. (2 Corinthians 12:1-6)

I must go on **boasting**. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to **visions** and **revelations** of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of **this man** I will boast, but on my **own behalf I will not boast**, except of my weaknesses— ⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, **so that no one may think more of me** than he sees in me or hears from me.

2. The Grace of God Keeps me Humble. (2 Corinthians 12:7-8)

⁷So to keep me from becoming **conceited** because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a **thorn** was given me in the flesh, a **messenger of Satan to harass me**, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

Galatians 4:13-14

You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

3. The Grace of God is Sufficient for Me. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

⁹But he said to me, "My **grace** is **sufficient** for you, for my **power is made perfect** in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Big Idea- The grace of God makes me want to boast in God.

Reflection

- Consider your weakness
- Pray and thank God for the "thorn".
- Pray for transformation through the pain in your life.
- Pray for God to help you rest in His grace.

Discussion Questions | 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1–6

- What gifts or experiences has God given you that lift you up?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7–8

- What difficulties has God allowed you to go through?
- How have those times kept you from becoming conceited?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

- What is God asking you to do that you feel inadequate to accomplish?
- How can you lean on His grace this month?