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Embracing my weakness is a prerequisite to experiencing Christ's power

Review

*"If God is for us,
who can be against us?"*

What do you think about God?



Remarkable people

*...decide to receive
their adversity as coming
from their Heavenly Father.*



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*is a **prerequisite**
to experiencing Christ's power*



What if

The presence
of adversity
does not
equate to the
absence of
God?

The problem

In the Western world, we have a filter



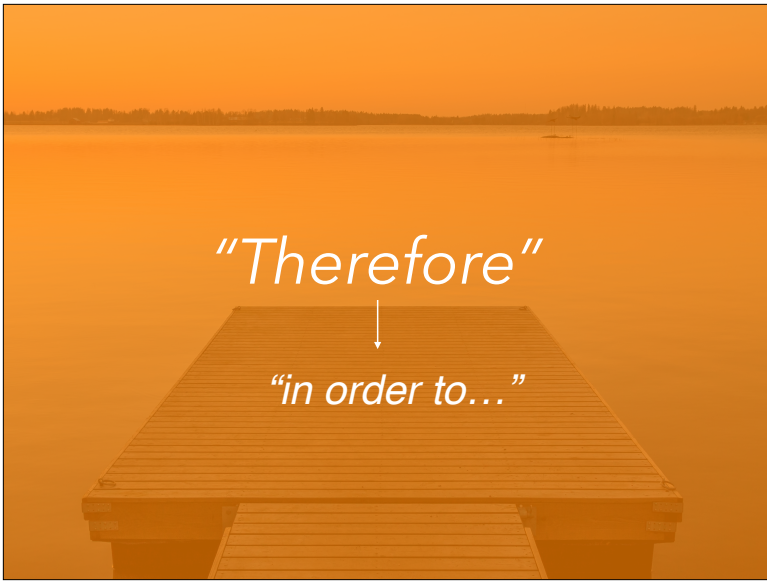
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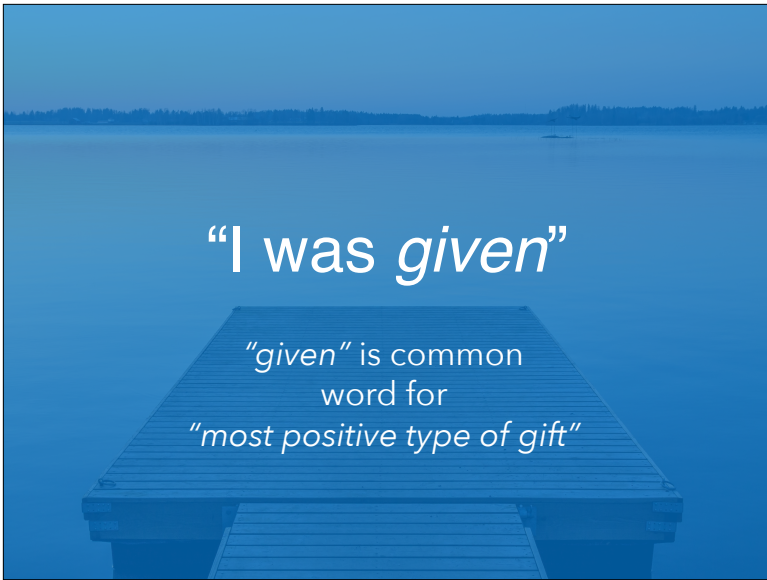
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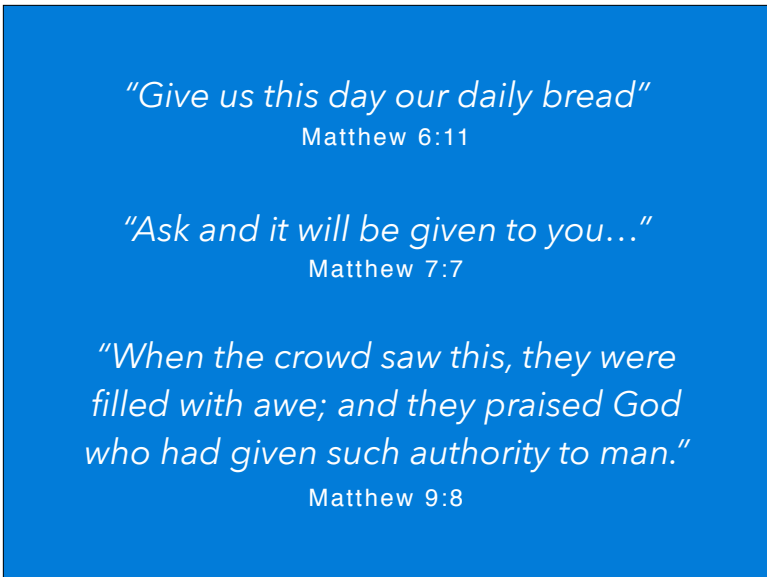


2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 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." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

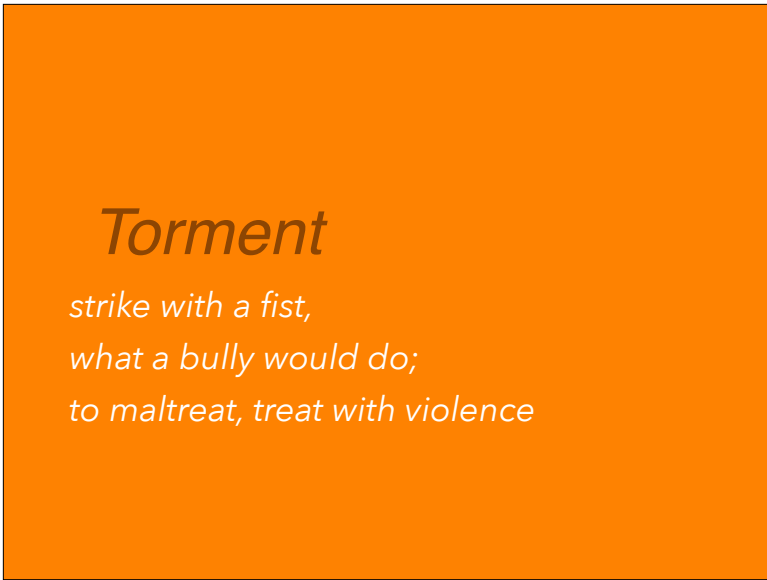








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Torment

*strike with a fist,
what a bully would do;
to maltreat, treat with violence*

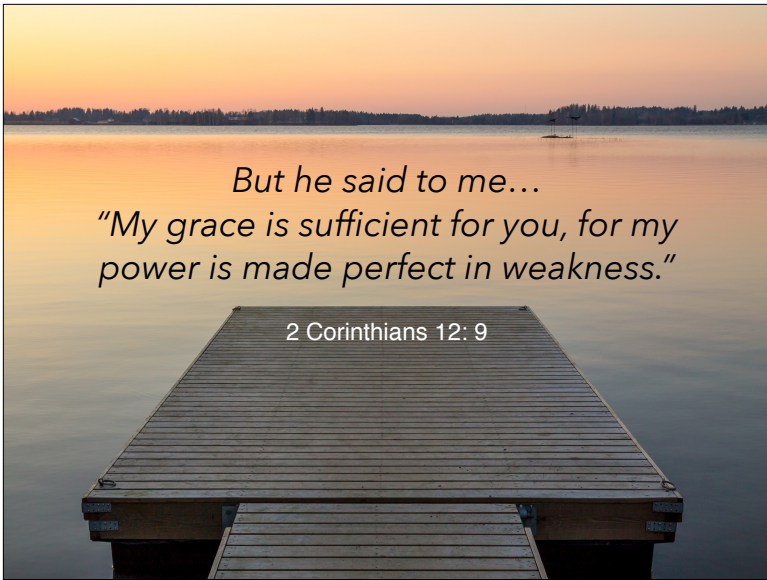


Regardless of WHAT it WAS:

- *It was **painful***
- *It was **humiliating***
- *It was **debilitating***



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to take it away."*

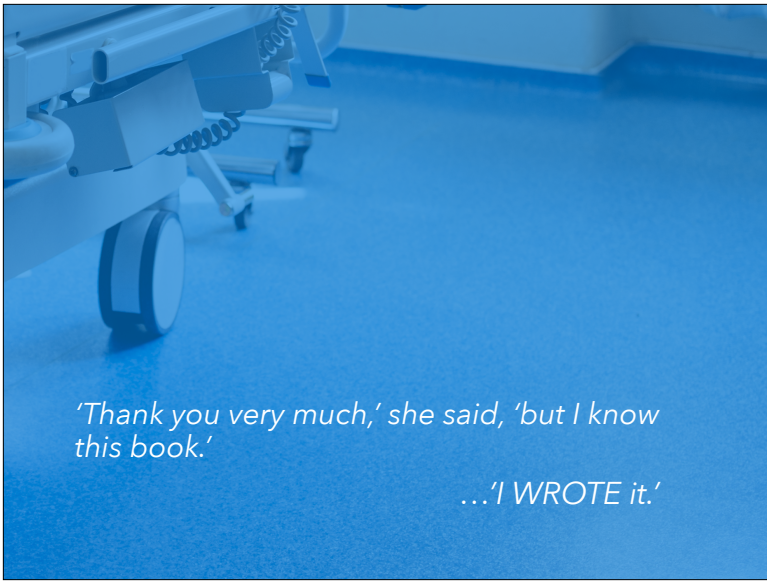


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2 Corinthians 12: 9

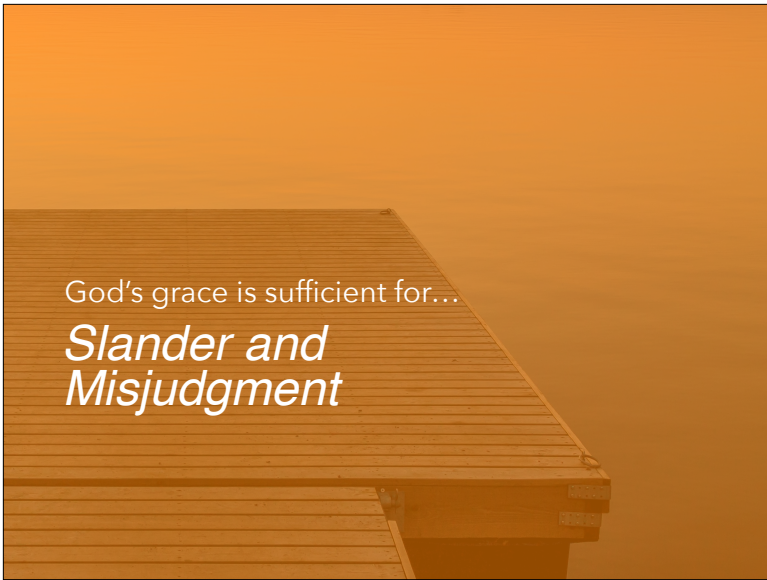


God's grace is sufficient for...
Physical Pain



'Thank you very much,' she said, 'but I know this book.'

...I WROTE it.'



God's grace is sufficient for...

Slander and Misjudgment



God's grace is sufficient for...

Opposition

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-30



It's the glory of the gospel that in our weakness we may find this wondrous grace, for always that which is the greatest challenge to our strength is God's opportunity."

William Barclay



"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly so that Christ's power can rest on me.

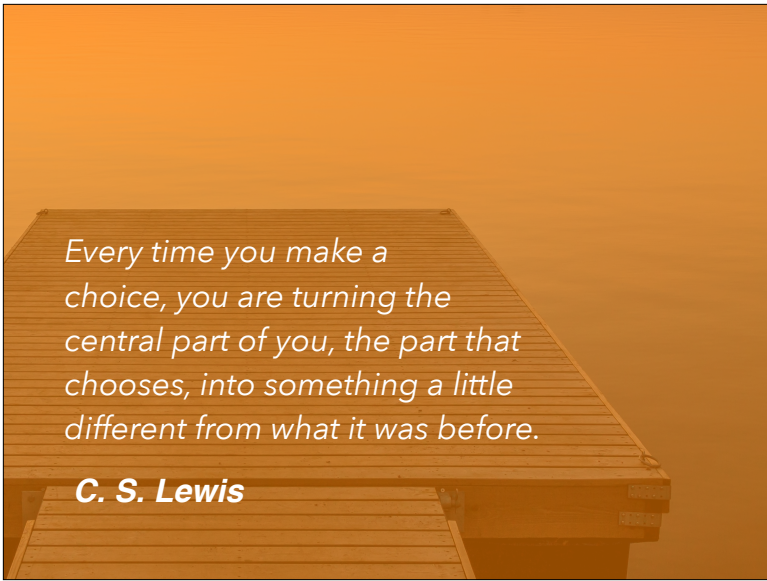
I'm going to glory in it.

I'm going to roll around in it.

*I'm going to embrace it.
I'm going to own it.*

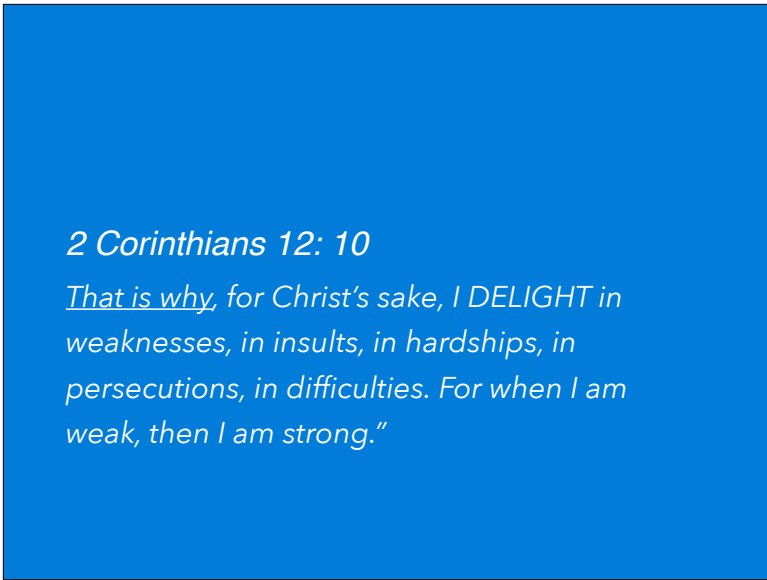


Owning our weakness is a ***prerequisite*** to accepting Christ's strength.



Every time you make a choice, you are turning the central part of you, the part that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before.

C. S. Lewis



2 Corinthians 12: 10

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You have the **OPTION** to receive whatever you are dealing with as a gift with a purpose and a promise.

Luke 22: 41-42

"He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

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