

# Amazing, Amazing Grace

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Faith is not a way to manipulate God into getting what one wants.
- B. God is not under obligation to do anything apart from what He decides to do.
- C. We can always expect mercy and grace.
- D. Text: II Corinthians 12.

## II. Why grace meets our needs.

- A. Paul experienced a thorn in the flesh, which was some constant source of suffering.
- B. Whatever it was it ensured that Paul would never have a problem with pride.
- C. God told Paul that He would not change this circumstance.
- D. In the economy of God, character takes precedence over comfort.
- E. Somehow God takes Satan's power and uses it for His purposes.
- F. God allowed things to stay bad so that He could administer grace through our weakness. God's power shines brightest through our weakness.

## III. How God demonstrates His grace.

- A. Through people.
- B. Through perspective.
- C. Through God's power.

## IV. God's grace really is sufficient for whatever we face.

### **Application questions:**

1. Why does God sometimes refuse to answer our prayers according to this passage?

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2. What does it mean that God's grace is sufficient?

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3. When have you recently seen God's grace at work? What did it mean to you?

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