



He Is All You Need

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 12

Today's passage contains God's answer to Paul's prayer when he asked God (three times) to remove the painful "thorn in his flesh." The fact that Paul referred to it as "a messenger from Satan sent to torment me" tells us that this was not just a nagging ache. It was a deep, agonizing pain. Whether it was physical or emotional it does not really matter, because both can be equally painful.

God reminds Paul that He is more than enough for his pain and suffering. God simply says that the less there is of your strength, the more there is of His. When we humbly bring God the weaknesses in our hearts, admitting that we cannot do it without Him, He is honored. It is then that His power becomes most visible in our lives. God reminds us in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My power is made perfect in weakness." This means that the weaker we are, the stronger He is in us. God's answer enabled Paul to be content in the "thorn in his flesh."

What a loving Father we serve! He loves us too much to spoil us. He knows that if our lives were easy, our hearts would wander from Him. He chooses instead to give us something greater than a trouble-free life -- He gives us Himself. We get His power, His grace and His peace. And those, unlike the hardships of this life, are gifts that last forever. He is more than enough. He is all you need.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, as much as I do not like to appear weak, I know You can use my weakness for Your glory in ways that I never imagined. Help me be submissive as I hand my weaknesses over to You so You might use them to accomplish Your greater plan and purpose. In Jesus' name, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 13

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