

Grace for the Briers!

II Corinthians 12:7-10

There are 2 diametrically opposing forces at work on and in us; Satan and God

1. Satan is at work –
2. God is at work –

Why thorns or the briers?

Pride and self sufficiency go hand in hand

God works to help us see our DEFICIENCY so we can experience His SUFFICIENCY!

God intends for us to be fully dependant on Him:

1. Physically – Acts 17:28 In Him we live move exist
2. Spiritually – John 15:5 Apart from Jesus we can do nothing!

Dueteronmy 8:2,3 – Children of Israel – God had to make them hungry before He fed them so they could learn that “man does not live by bread alone; but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”

Provision of the Thorn - the SUFFICIENCY of God

Paul besought – called near to be relieved:

And he said to me... red letters, personal message

God does speak to us - Be careful!

1. God never says anything outside of what He has already said
2. God doesn't change his mind – he is not situational
3. When He speaks settle in and plant there until he speaks further

Christ answer to him was My Grace is sufficient

Jesus and His Grace ALONE are sufficient! ENOUGH!

- God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him!
 - o The great revelation or spiritual experiences
 - o The work of ministry
- IN HIM ALONE

Philippians 1:20-23

Gods infuses our weakness with His grace and THAT displays His power

****Only if I submit – James 4:6****