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## The Sufficient Gift

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**II Corinthians 12:5-10** <sup>5</sup>I will boast about such a man, but I will not boast about myself, except in my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Even if I wanted to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me, <sup>7</sup>or because of these surpassingly great revelations. So to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. BSB

### I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The context was the **miraculous** events that some have experienced.
- B. Paul is showing extreme **humility** here. V.5-6
- C. God allowed a physical **infirmity** to overcome Paul. V. 7
- D. Paul spent three periods of time **pleading** with God to heal him. V.8
- E. Paul reveals that there is something that happens when a believer tells his **stories**. V.9-10

### II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. Sharing our stories have a miraculous effect on those who **hear** them.
- B. God works through **allowing** bad things to happen to us as well as **doing** amazing things through us.
- C. We must learn to **trust** Him through the good and the bad.
- D. Humbling yourself to tell stories that are sometimes embarrassing bring great **benefits**.