

A Blast From The Past!

See if you can complete these sentences....

- *This is going to hurt me more that it will...*
- *I'm doing this for your own good! One day you will...*



Finding God's Strength In Our Weakness

2 Cor 12:1-10

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God Doesn't Always "Gift Us" The Way We Expect.

- *Gifts of glory: Mountaintop 12:1-6*
- *Gifts of struggle: Valley 11:22-29*
- *Gift of the thorn: Persistent 12:7*
 1. *A gift from God*
 2. *For Paul's benefit*
 3. *Physical*
 4. *Constant pain*



Our Response Determines Whether Or Not We Benefit.

- *Become bitter and angry*
- *Give up and just exist*
- *Buckle down and try harder*
- *Ask...but never Accept No*
- *Ask...and embrace God's No Answer*



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- *Hear Him: "He said"*
- *Trust Him "My grace is sufficient"*
- *Lean on Him: "My power made perfect in weakness"*
- *Ask Him to Overshadow: "Rest on me"*
- *Pay attention to his Promise:*
"Promise not Explanation"



4 Critical Questions

- 1. How are you responding to Gods' difficult work in your life?*
- 2. When was the last time you really HEARD from Him?*
- 3. Are you willing to do the hard work of learning from the tough times?*
- 4. Have you asked Him to "rest" on you?*

