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WHEN GOD IS UN-COOPERATIVE 2 Corinthians 12:7 - 10

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There are seasons in life when we think God is:

There are all sorts of reactions by people to these thoughts about God

If someone stays in this season long enough they can begin to have doubts about God.

BUT:

God's lack of co-operation is NOT and argument for or against His existence.

There is some strange teaching on these issues which are simply not correct.

This week _____ who became _____.

Spent 20 years serving God faithfully – proclaiming the gospel around the Mediterranean. Soon after becoming a follower of Jesus he was afflicted by some kind of physical ailment – it became a major obstacle for him. He asked God to remove it – God said _____.

2 Cor. 12

V 7 --- *To keep me from becoming conceited, because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.*

V 8 *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me*

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V9a *But he said to me "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect for my power is made perfect in weakness".*

His strength in our _____ is His presence in our _____.

V9b-10. *Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

1. We have _____ God to remove our thorns.
2. God has permission to say _____.
3. God may choose to showcase His _____ and His _____ on the stage of our _____.
4. We cannot experience Gods sustaining _____ whilst resisting His _____.

Gods' Grace Is Sufficient For Me.