

TITLE AND NUMBER: 35. God's grace is sufficient

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): 2 Corinthians 12: 9a and 10b

But he [Jesus] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. For when I am weak, then I am strong".



LOOKING FURTHER: Philippians 4:12-13; 2 Corinthians 13:4; 2 Corinthians 4: 7-9

What does this Bible passage tell us?

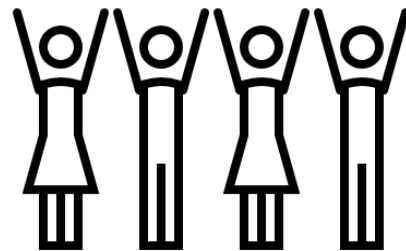
Isn't it interesting that in Western culture, we are always being told to be self-sufficient, be independent", and to read self-help books? Relying on someone else is seen as a bad thing. Well, the Bible says it can be a good thing. What can be seen by others as a sign of weakness, is actually a sign of strength.

In the New Testament reading above, we are told that occasionally we will face circumstances that are beyond our control. Sometimes, we are at our wits' end and feeling helpless. It takes courage to accept we can't do it alone. God will meet us where we are and not condemn or judge us.

Sometimes it's helpful to accept we don't have all the answers. When we stop letting our hang ups and hurts get in the way, God can speak to us more clearly because we have a humble, receptive and open mind.

And remember, we do not have to have achieved a certain level of "holiness" before God will come into our life and help us. God will accept us just as we are now.

God never meant us to lead our lives alone.



Reflections:

- Are there things you want God to change in you?
- Is there anything that stops you coming before God with your problems?
- Do you find it difficult when you don't have all the answers? How might this Bible verse bring you comfort?
- Who can support you as you try to rely more on God?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

