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- e. The miracle of the sufficiency of God's grace, like the grace of God for the Apostle Paul with the thorn in the flesh. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)
- f. The ultimate healing! Revelation 21:4

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