

All I Need: When God Says He is Enough

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1. Read 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10.
Paul used some very unusual words to describe his thorny situation (boast, gladly, delight). When you read these verses, Paul sets an example on how to handle a thorn in life. What were his way of handling the thorn?
2. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 says Paul is glad about his weaknesses. Can you declare the same? What keeps you from living with gladness in spite of your thorn? How do you do in comparison to Paul?
3. Share a time God has been strong for you when you have been weak? How did God bring contentment to you in this situation?
4. Read Job 1:6-12 and Genesis 50:20
As with Job and Joseph, Satan was the immediate agent of Paul's "thorn", but God was the ultimate cause. Can you think of a time when you have seen something hard which God has used ultimately for good? Please share.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 again.
Our preference is obviously to NOT have a thorn. Paul even pleaded (in the NLT version it says begged) the Lord to take the thorn away 3 times. In what ways can you relinquish your preference for how God may be working in your life?
6. After listening to Kathy's message, is it easier to understand how God's power works best in our weaknesses? Why or why not?
7. Have you prayed and asked God to remove your thorn? If yes, what was the outcome. If not, what is preventing you from praying?
8. At the beginning of her talk, Kathy showed a video of folks writing their "thorn" on a lemon and then making lemonade by crushing the lemon. At the end of her talk, she asked this question; "what thorn will you surrender to God today?" How would you answer her question? If it has not been removed are you satisfied that God is enough for you and His sovereign decision not to remove the thorn is best for you?