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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

2 Cor. 12:9-10 *But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” 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.* (NIV)

As Paul was struggling with a physical ailment that he referred to as a thorn in his flesh, he knew that he could trust in the provision of His LORD. Even though he was not getting the answer that he **wanted**, he knew that it was the answer that he **needed**. Have you asked the LORD for something that you wanted to find out that it was so much better to receive what you needed? Sometimes, we close our ears when we don’t get what we want. We must walk in obedience to truly receive what is so importantly needed in our lives.

There are two ways that we can find the relief that we need in times of trial. It can come by *removing* the load **or** by *strengthening* the shoulders that are carrying the load. We often desire the first instead of trusting the second. Paul had to trust and believe that God’s plan is always better than our own. Someone once said that *we don’t believe God’s grace is sufficient until we believe we are insufficient!* Great trials brings out the great strength and provision of our great God! God’s grace is sufficient to meet any and all of our needs. He has accepted you. He is available to you. He is strong enough to handle anything that we face. **Prov. 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, help us to trust You completely today. We may be facing things that we have no control over, but we know you do. You are our Rock and our Foundation. In Jesus Name, Amen.