

## Talking the Talk & Walking the Walk When God Says No

**Key Text: 2 Corinthians 12:7 - 10 (New Living Translation)**

### 1. He is with us

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is all you need.”

#### John 14:16-18

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

### 2. Focus Matters

#### 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 - The Message

“so I wouldn’t get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan’s angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn’t think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it.

Three times I did that, and then he told me,

My grace is enough; it’s all you need.

My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ’s strength moving in on my weakness.

Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over!

And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.”

### 3. His Strength, Not Ours

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9

“my power is made perfect in weakness.”

#### 2 Corinthians 12:10

“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

**1 Corinthians 1:27-31 (NLT)**

“Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important”

**Acts 4:13**

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

**2 Chronicles 20:1-30**

(NOTE: I am only going to read parts of this chapter)