



Sermon Notes

Live By Faith - When God Says No
II Corinthians 12:7-10
Sunday, April 10, 2011
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1. II Corinthians 12:7

"To keep me from becoming conceited, because of the surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me."

2. II Corinthians 12:8

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in weakness.'" = NO!

3. II Corinthians 12:9

"Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so that Christ's power may rest on me."

4. II Corinthians 12:10

"That is why for Christ's sake I delight in weakness, in insult, in hardships, in persecution, in difficulty, for when I am weak, then I am strong."

5. 1. We have permission to ask anything of God.

6. 2. God has permission to say no.

7. 3. God always has a reason for saying no.

8. 4. In God's economy, character takes precedence over comfort.

9. 5. God never promised to remove all the thorns of life.

10. 6. God's grace is sufficient for me.

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