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2 CORINTHIANS 12:6-10

I have plenty to boast about and would be no fool in doing it, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it. I don't want anyone to think more highly of me than what they can actually see in my life and my message,⁷ even though I have received wonderful revelations from God. But to keep me from getting puffed up, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from getting proud.

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⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. ¹⁰ Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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OUR INSTINCT IS SELF-GLORY

IF YOU ARE GOING TO ALLOW GOD TO DO HIS RESTORATIVE WORK IN YOU, YOU MUST RESIST YOUR NATURAL TENDENCY TO PUT YOURSELF FIRST AND PROMOTE YOUR OWN PLATFORM.

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Vs. 6

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Romans 12:3

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has given to each of you.

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GOD WANTS TO DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR LIFE, BUT HE CANNOT WORK UNTIL YOU ADMIT THAT YOU'RE A MESS. WHEN YOU OWN THE FACT THAT YOUR GREATEST STRENGTHS ARE NEVER GOING TO BE GOOD ENOUGH, GOD HAS SPACE TO WORK.


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Vs. 7-9

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THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN YOUR LIFE THAT
THE ENEMY INTENDS FOR EVIL, GOD USES
TO SHAPE YOU INTO SOMETHING USEFUL
AND BEAUTIFUL FOR HIS PURPOSES.

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Two Examples:

JOSEPH - Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but
God intended it for good to
accomplish what is now being
done, the saving of many lives.

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Two Examples:

PETER - Luke 22:31-32


Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.

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EVEN YOUR GREATEST FAILURES,
WHEN SURRENDERED TO GOD, CAN
BECOME PLACES OF STRENGTH AND
THE BUILDING UP OF OTHERS.


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Vs. 9-10

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.

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YOUR GREATEST NEED IN MOMENTS OF
ADVERSITY IS NOT RELIEF. IT IS TO EXPERIENCE
GOD'S TRANSFORMING WORK IN YOU SO THAT
YOU CAN SHOWCASE HIS GLORY.

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- **INSULTS** (hubris) undeserved wrong or injury springing from pride or insolence. Anxiety over your current circumstances.
- **HARDSHIPS** (anankē) need arising from the pressure, constraint, or force of circumstances.

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• PERSECUTIONS (diogmos) acts of prejudice or exploitation from people (because of your Christian faith)

• CALAMITIES (stenochora) crowded into a narrow space. Circumstances that pressure you with stress and tension.

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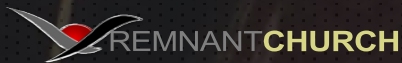
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Philippians 4:11-13

...I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.




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AS YOU LEARN TO EMBRACE YOUR
WEAKNESSES, GOD GIVES YOU THE STRENGTH
TO FACE EACH CHALLENGE AND NOT ONLY
SURVIVE, BUT EXPERIENCE PEACE,
CONTENTMENT AND JOY IN THE MIDST OF IT.

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