

When Thorns Become Gateways to Greater Grace

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Thriving Thru the Intense Preparations of 5786, a Vov 1 Season

Have you ever wondered why certain struggles in our lives seem to resurface, carrying lessons we didn't notice before? The vov 1 season invites us to look closer, to discern with new eyes the unseen connections between our hearts, God's Spirit, and the challenges we face. As a sacred connector, the vov 1, reminds us that life can present us with divine intersections—moments where heaven meets earth, and our weaknesses have the opportunity to become access points connecting us with a greater measure of God's grace.

In this season, what once showed up in our lives as a thorn in our flesh can be transformed into an unbreakable bond with Holy Spirit that empower us with greater grace. A grace that draws us into even deeper intimacy with the One who binds us to His love empowering us to thrive and prosper in ways we never dreamed possible. When this happens, a former source of torment actually becomes the means that launches us beyond the limitations of the prior season, sending us into greater heights and boundless possibilities.



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Testings that Bring Promotion

God often prepares us for advancement by allowing us to walk through trials that demand a deeper surrender from us than the previous season. Through stripping away the comfort of self-reliance and the weight of old wounds we get repositioned and realigned. During these seasons, the very challenges that pierce our hearts become the chisels that shape us, revealing hidden attachments and unhealed places. As we release past hurts into His hands, His Spirit meets us with grace that restores, aligns, and strengthens us with a courage and ability that has eluded us in the past. The battles that once felt like setbacks become the gateways to greater intimacy with Him. In that sacred exchange, He equips us for the new heights He has prepared, anchoring our promotion in new found liberty and unwavering trust. Those difficult challenges came to mind when I was reading 2 Corinthians and Paul's thorn in the flesh.

I didn't see this before

Have you noticed that each time you read a portion of scripture, even one you've read a dozen times before, the takeaway is somehow different? It's like you're hearing it with new ears. Or you see some underlying message that never occurred to you before? That's the awesomeness of Holy Spirit breathing on the written word making it living and active and sharper than any two edged sword. It also points to the ongoing transforming work of Holy Spirit in our internal lives. Like celebrating Christmas. Each Christmas is different than the one before. We never have the same Christmas twice. We may put up the same decorations we put up last year, but this year it's different — we're different. Where we are in life changes. Our perspectives shift. It's the same, but different.

That happened when I was reading 2 Corinthians the other day. I never saw Paul's thorn in the flesh as a gift before. I don't know that I even picked up on the fact that he eluded to it as a gift. I know when I refer to an attack of the enemy I don't typically refer to it as something I was given. More like something I have to endure, something I have to fight, or something I have to evict.

Walk with me

If it could be said of anyone in the bible that they had a God-given assignment it was the apostle Paul. He even said as much. At the same time, I think most Bible reading Christians would agree that Paul's insights could be as confusing as they are instructive. Paul was a sought after leader, inspiring teacher and anointed minister. He said he didn't come with persuasive words but with the power and unction of Holy Spirit.

And when I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come as someone superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I also was with you in weakness and fear, and in great trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but on the power of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB

Paul was a man compelled by the Spirit of the Living God. He was not driven by ambition. He was not overcome with the scent of his own cologne, as they say. He was not arrogant or haughty. He was not full of pride. He didn't spout off his accomplishments. If anyone in that era could have tooted his own horn, it would have been him. He was an educated man. He was mentored under one of the most highly regarded spiritual leader of that time, a master rabbi, Rabbi Gamaliel.

"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the Law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today. Acts 22:3 NASB

Paul was tenacious, straightforward and definitely not afraid to ruffle a few feathers. He was not afraid to offend people. This was not the kind of guy to back down from a fight. I know first hand the kind of iron sharpening iron it takes to file off the rough edges of a headstrong

independent get'er done kind of person. In my zeal and forthright manner, I would often do more damage than good. I had to get shaped and sharpened. I had to become a yielded vessel in the hand of the Lord. It didn't come naturally. That only happens by getting put on the grinder, where the friction is intense enough to scrape off the rough edges. Frankly, it can be downright painful. It cuts to the quick. Where we have unhealed wounds left from emotional damage in our lives and the painful process of sharpening comes, we don't see it as a the gift. We see it as an attack. It only becomes a gift later.

Those internal wounds are vulnerabilities, like chinks in our armor. They are the weak places within us that the enemy is looking to exploit. He seeks out a place to get a hook in us. If he can hook us and secure a connection, he can potentially derail us. I think that is what the enemy was trying to do to Paul.

Vov 1 Can be a Thorn

As I was digging into the language used in the passage, I noticed a vov 1. Okay, no there isn't a literal vov 1 anywhere in sight. Nevertheless I saw a vov 1. In the original language the Greek word translated as thorn is the Greek word skolops. It means a stake (a sharp stick) for a palisade (a fence), or for impaling; a surgical instrument, a splinter, thorn or the point of a fish-hook.



It was the description that brought vov 1 to my mind. We are amidst the Hebrew year 5786¹ represented by the Hebrew letters peh 80 פ and vov 6 ו. Peh פ indicates the mouth, speech and to blow (as breath). The vov ו is a connector. It can be a tent peg, a stake, or a hook, like a fishhook. Its shape is like a hook ו.

A Connection



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The vov 1 represents attachment, connection, and bringing things together. It can act as a bridge between the spiritual and the physical worlds. Grammatically, it's a conjunction. That means it connects thoughts, ideas and concepts. It can also function as either a consonant or a vowel, demonstrating its ability to change its role. This means vov 1 can show up as a conduit between God and man, or as a thorn in the flesh sent by Satan to torment. It begs the question, what are we attached to? And what might be trying to get its hook in us?

The Father sent Jesus to become mankind's redemptive connector, a Divine vov 1 if you will. God desires relationship with us. Through the complete work of the cross, Jesus became the binding agent, the vov 1, between God and man. The enemy, Satan, also wants connection.

¹ The Hebrew year 5786 began at sunset on September 22, 2025, and concludes at sunset on September 11, 2026, on the Gregorian calendar. 5786 is marked as significant "shift" year associated with the Hebrew letter Vov (6) ו symbolizing divine connection, a time for spiritual awakening and linking heaven and earth for breakthrough.

He will do whatever he can to disrupt, hinder or prevent our relationship with God. He thinks if he can get us to connect with him he can prevent us from intimacy with God. He knows it is through intimacy with God where we experience transformation and receive the power to overcome. That overcoming power furthers the kingdom of God and the gates of hell do not prevail. And Satan hates that.

Jesus said that after His ascension the Father would send another Helper, Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit flows through the divine connection. The person who allows Holy Spirit to sift through the contents of their heart and apply healing balm to their wounded soul, will be able to draw from the inner storehouse of their own heart, the dwelling place of God, the results of which will be Holy Spirit's work in their lives; producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



The [intrinsically] good man produces what is good and honorable and moral out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart; and the [intrinsically] evil man produces what is wicked and depraved out of the evil [in his heart]; for his mouth speaks from the overflow of his heart. ~ Luke 6:45 AMP

In other words, it's especially important during a vov 1 season to watch over your heart.

My son, pay attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. They are not to escape from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, And healing to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life. Rid yourself of a deceitful mouth And keep devious speech far from you. Let your eyes look directly ahead And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right or to the left; Turn your foot from evil. ~ Proverbs 4:20-27 NASB

We have an adversary always on the hunt for prey

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ~ 1 Peter 5:8 NASB

Seeing From A New Perspective

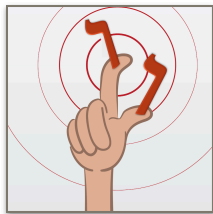
The spiritually symbolic characteristics of vov 1 is why I'd like to use the apostle Paul as our example for thriving while in a vov 1 season.

When the apostle Paul prayed concerning the thorn in his flesh he was forced to lean into God and get a new approach to this relentless and tormenting attack against him. What happens when the adversary tries to establish a connection? The devil was trying to establish a connection and disrupt Paul's effectiveness in spreading the gospel. Maybe Paul

was prone to conceit. I don't know, but bear with me as I unpack what came to mind as I meditated on this passage.

Because of the extraordinary greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:7–10 NASB

A Thorny Lesson



Paul said, 'There was given to me a thorn in the flesh,' as if this thorn was like a gift. I can say with confidence that I would not look at torment as a gift. Yet, that's exactly what Paul declared. That tells me he had a change of perspective. The way he saw this tormenting messenger of Satan had shifted as a result of God's response.

One thing I have learned from encounters with God is there are the words He says, and then there's everything else He brings to the table.

When Paul described his thorn as torment, this was not a passing irritation or minor inconvenience—it would have been deep and unrelenting mental and emotional anguish. Torment of the soul reaches into the inner chambers of the heart and mind, whispering accusations, doubts, and fears until they echo like thunder in the spirit. It weighs on the heart as a constant pressure. It comes with a suffocating sense of heaviness that can make even the simplest tasks feel insurmountable. Thoughts become a battlefield where every memory, every regret, and every unhealed wound is leveraged exploited by the adversary to accuse and condemn.

Emotional torment often feels like being trapped in a storm that never ends. One moment may be filled with self-doubt, the next with sorrow or isolation, and then fear surges in like a rising tide. It's that relentless reminder that you are not enough, that your efforts are futile, or that your destiny is slipping away. This kind of mental suffering does not remain contained in thought alone—it seeps into the heart, pulling energy from the body, dimming joy, and threatening hope.

I think Paul was human, like the rest of us. Being human is what made him a target. His past is what more than likely made him vulnerable. In typical fashion, God's healing is progressive. It doesn't always come at once. Sometimes it comes by degrees.

When brought into God's presence, the deep wound that was once an access point for the torment of the evil one, actually becomes the fertile soil where grace can be planted. In the collision of human weakness and divine strength, torment is transformed. What was once a

weapon of destruction becomes an instrument of refinement, reshaping the inner life to lean wholly on the sufficiency of Christ.

I think Holy Spirit took Paul into a time of deep inner healing. Oh, he probably went through it at least once before. But this time God was going deeper. Knowing that mental and emotional torment, is piercing and exhausting, God can take what the enemy intended for our destruction and use it for good. In this case, the place of torment becomes the juncture where Heaven's voice can speak in such a way that the accusations of the enemy are powerless. The stronghold is dismantled and the impartation of God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

More Than Mere Words

God doesn't just talk like He's doing a podcast. His nature permeates our very being, going deep in our spirit, soul and body. His saturating presence is impartational. The manifestation of the living God in proximity affects change. It more than influences us. We are altered by it. Yes, our perception shifts. But in my experience my paradigms were reworked. Somehow I was different internally in a way that virtually erased what had been there before. It had a reestablishing effect. It was as if the premise of my perspective was shifted because what it was founded on no longer existed.

I've not only had ingrained mindsets changed through encounter with God, but the memories they were connected to redeemed. I never felt manipulated like when someone is trying to forcefully convince you of something. It was more like love came in with truth, His truth, and my internal being shifted to align with that new understanding. To say it was involuntary isn't quite right. I had the freedom to accept or deny what was being presented by God. But once I accepted His reality as truth somehow, supernaturally I was changed. I think something like that happened for Paul.

When we get realigned by His truth, the result is that we live our lives out of this new revelatory experience rather than out of our former interpretation of the situation. Our perspective is now from this new place we respond completely different.

Supernatural Realignment Changes Everything

God didn't convince Paul by using mind control, manipulation or coercion. That's how the enemy operates. When God's supernatural internal shift is complete in us, the enemy's attacks no longer produces the same fleshly, carnal reaction. We see it with new eyes. We begin to see like Paul. We see grace differently.

God's response to Paul wasn't tough love, telling him to suck it up and ignore the torment. I believe when God responded to Paul He encountered him and imparted to him something that got rid of the tormenting aspect of the attack. In other words God took the teeth out of the bite. That messenger of Satan could spew out words but they weren't having the same impact on Paul. Like putting on a gas mask, the poison in the air had no effect.

He Got What He Needed

I think Paul got exactly what God said he was going to need; God's grace. I'm not talking about the gift of unmerited favor that leads us to salvation. I'm talking about another dimension of grace. That gift of grace being a power that enabled Paul to live in a greater dimension of the Spirit of God. I'm talking about the impartation of God's ability to see, hear and understand the things of the Spirit of God and live in and by His upside down Kingdom of eternal glory. As a result Paul saw this messenger of Satan through the gift of grace. The thorn became something he was given. In a way it became a gift to him. It became the means that prevented him from getting too puffed up.

Let's take a closer look at this messenger.

Derived from the New Testament Greek word *aggelos*, a messenger, is someone who is specifically sent with a purpose—whether to announce important news, teach a lesson or principle, carry out a particular task, or investigate and report back on a matter. This word is most often translated as the English word angel.

A messenger is more than just someone who delivers messages. They play an active role in completing the task given to them. They are trusted to represent the goals and voice of the person who sends them. We could say this messenger [aggelos] came with from Satan. I don't believe for a minute that Satan's agenda was to prevent Paul from getting conceited, vain or exalted in his own opinion. In fact, I think that's exactly what Satan's agenda was.

Satan seeks to trap us in two opposing ways: through humiliation and exaltation. When we experience failure or weakness, Satan aims to bind us with shame and condemnation, causing us to turn inward and doubt God's love. On the other hand, when we are lifted up in success, Satan tempts us toward pride, making us rely on ourselves and forget the Lord.

Proverbs 16:18 (MSG)
First pride, then
the crash—
the bigger the
ego, the harder
the fall.

Proverbs 16:18 warns that pride leads to destruction. Shame can lead us into despair and put a wedge between us and God. In both cases, the effect is the same—our hearts are drawn away from Christ. Recognizing these traps helps us remain anchored in Him.

It is the voice of Satan tormenting Paul, speaking against him through this messenger, in an effort to rob, steal and destroy. The enemy comes with railing accusations. The primary strategy employed by this villain is to inflict destruction through deception, deceit, and most effectively through the persistent reminder of our shortcomings and flaws.

Our imperfections are the places the enemy seeks out. It's those places of regret, and failure. That is the place where our self esteem is vulnerable to Satan's hooks. Those hooks once embedded can lead to either extremes like narcissism or self hatred. It's where either shame or conceit gets a hook in us. But when God shows up and encounters that place of vulnerability with His love and His truth, neither self obsession nor self hatred can remain.

My Experience with One of Those Messengers

While I believe these messengers of Satan are not flesh and blood people, but they do influence them. As Paul wrote to the Ephesians, 'We wrestle not with flesh and blood.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:12 NKJV

These spiritual forces of wickedness influence humanity. They feed off of emotional woundedness. They look for deep emotional or psychological pain. These feelings can lead to a sense of brokenness, vulnerability, and negative coping mechanisms. At the same time woundedness can also signify a capacity for healing, growth, and deeper compassion when acknowledged and integrated, rather than ignored. I learned about that kind of inner healing as a result of my experience with someone who was controlled and manipulated by a messenger of Satan.

My Experience

This person's constant badgering and condemnation was relentless against me. There were times when I just couldn't take the attack anymore. They were a close family member. Their words stung. Their actions were deeply hurtful. Every interaction with this person inevitably ended with a verbal assault. You could say, at times, it was tormenting inflicting extreme mental anguish and emotional stress. I just didn't understand why this person was so hateful towards me. I tried to resolve any issues between us, but to no avail. There was nothing I could do to change it. I cried out to God over and over, pleading with Him to intervene.

What I was unaware of was that deep wounds left by abandonment and the toxic shame that permeated the dysfunctional environment I grew up in had left me vulnerable. These attacks left me incapacitated because of unhealed emotional wounds left over from childhood. It wasn't just that this one person's onslaughts that threw me. But it was the one that drove me to my knees begging God for change. I wanted the attack to end. God wanted me healed. I just wanted her to stop. She didn't. God's response to my prayers was not a promise to change the situation. He only spoke to me about me.

God met me in the midst of the attacks. What was changing was me. Through the ministry of Holy Spirit in my life I experienced ongoing deep inner healing. The more healed I got the less impact those attacks had on me. That person didn't change. But my interaction with that person changed. I set healthy boundaries. I lovingly confronted that individual. Still their behavior didn't change. Their perception of me didn't shift. What shifted? My response. My response changed because the hooks could no longer find a place to hook. The thorn could no longer penetrate the skin, so to speak. Satan couldn't use it to derail me.

I want to make it clear. This was not accomplished because of counseling or self-help work. Those things are great, and have their place. But it was the inner healing accomplished by

Holy Spirit that caused supernatural transformation in my life. And it wasn't a wam-bam kind of thing. Those attacks had gone on for years. This person bullied and coerced. They took every advantage to belittle me, speak against me to others, and deliberately try to discredit and undermine me at every turn.

The only way I got through it was to go rely on God for greater portion of His grace. I can't tell you exactly how things changed. I just know that they did. God didn't wave a magic wand and make my life all better. But through constant continual prayer, meeting with God and surrender to Him, the open wounds in my life began to heal. The more Holy Spirit did the internal work, the less the words and actions of others had a detrimental effect on me. In fact, it had an opposite effect. Those attacks not only drove me to my knees, it anchored me in God's grace and created a bedrock for the assurance of God's love. I can look back and I see that time in my life with different eyes. I see it more as a gift. I have inner strength I would not have gained any other way. It's not my strength. It's God's strength in me.

Now when that messenger comes with words of accusation, condemnation and criticism they don't gain access. They are met with absolute assurance that God will never leave me, nor forsake me. They bounce off the absolute assurance that I am forgiven and God does not keep track of the mistakes or wrongdoing. The blood of Jesus has washed it all away.

You might be thinking, that's nice for you. But you don't understand what I'm going through. You're right I don't. But God does. And if there is one thing I know about God is that He does not hold one person in higher regard than another. He doesn't play favorites. What He did for one, He will do for another. He knows what you are going through. He knows the attacks against you. And He knows the exact wound that needs to be healed. He knows exactly how to disarm that force of evil.

The Weapons of our Warfare

Paul had told the Corinthians earlier in his letter; (10:3-5) *"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."* NLT

All Sufficient Grace

The Greek term for grace, charis, is a beautifully multifaceted concept that embodies the essence of a gift. As a benefit, the concept of charis, intertwines benevolent feelings with a favor generously bestowed. Charis can be anything seen as a gift or a pardon, or something that is granted freely, out of one's goodness.

Yet, charis expresses something that goes beyond the simple act of giving. Charis represents a favor or benefit bestowed upon an individual, usually without any expectation

of repayment. It is deeply rooted in the concept of goodwill and generosity, reflecting the benevolent feelings and kindness of the giver.

Charis can show up in a variety of forms, such as a gift, present, pardon, or concession, all freely given from the goodness of the giver. This idea underscores the intrinsic value of the act of giving, highlighting the relationship and connection between the giver and the receiver, which is enriched by the grace and goodwill inherent in charis.

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

It's Holy Spirit's indwelling presence that makes God's grace (charis) and power tangible in our lives. Holy Spirit is Himself the gift of God. Given so that God can dwell within us, Holy Spirit is the active living expression of His love and presence. He is the divine Counselor, Comforter, and Teacher, imparting more than wisdom and guidance. He is giver and the gift of grace. He the giver and the gift of power.

Through Holy Spirit, we receive power and ability to live by the Spirit. Because of His indwelling presence we have the assurance of God's nearness, and the transformative power (grace) that heals our hearts and renews our minds. God Himself is the gift, the charis. And He is the empowerment we receive. That's why the manifestation and effects of the Spirit are referred to as gifts. He is the Gift in person, not only providing spiritual gifts but also the gift being given.

This amazing gift arrives with a profound purpose. The Holy Spirit is the vibrant energy of life and love, transforming believers by leading them into truth, acting as a wise counselor, and facilitating spiritual adoption. Through the Spirit, we become cherished children of God, mirroring the image of Jesus and radiating God's glorious light. The Spirit empowers us to love Jesus deeply, brings the presence of Christ and the Father into our lives, and opens the door to the loving communion, making us tangibly present with God and God with us.

As Jesus taught, the Holy Spirit is the most valuable "good gift" that the heavenly Father gives to those who ask, with Christ himself interceding to ensure believers receive this extraordinary gift. Holy Spirit is the supreme gift from the Father. Jesus taught that the heavenly Father will gladly give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. This gift encompasses all other gifts. The Holy Spirit is the uncreated Gift.

The Gift of Grace - Charisma

Strong's 5486 χάρισμα charisma, a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); a (spiritual) endowment, or miraculous faculty: — (free) gift; gift of God's grace.

Holy Spirit is not merely a blessing we experience, but the very gift of God deposited within us, enabling us to walk in intimacy with Him, discern His voice, and bear the fruit of His Spirit.

Holy Spirit is the Gift. He is grace (charis) within us. The more we submit our lives to the leading, guiding and direction of Holy Spirit the more 'grace' increases. The more grace increases, the more we experience the reality of Holy Spirit in our lives.

But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! 2 Corinthians 12:9 AMP

More Than Sufficient

So, when God said to Paul that His grace was sufficient, He wasn't telling him to suck it up. He was reminding him of the power of Holy Spirit, the gift of grace that dwells within him. Paul had been transformed by that power before. He has been shifted and realigned by that truth. I think Paul realized that God was doing a deeper work in him. When Paul surrendered his weakness to Holy Spirit, God's power was then able to work in the place of Paul's weakness. God was able to transform it. What was once tormenting to Paul's soul, no longer troubled him. It was transformed into a gift that would keep Paul humble before God, rather than an unhealed wound that would make him prone to getting puffed up with pride and full of conceit. The agenda of the enemy sent through that messenger of Satan was thwarted. The message was no longer received. It was ripped to shreds by the glorious work of Holy Spirit.

We have the same opportunity to allow God to gift us with Holy Spirit. We have the great privilege of allowing Holy Spirit to pitch His tent over us. We have the amazing advantage of receiving the Gift that gives grace.

Every Thorn Can Become A Gift

The journey through the vov 1 season reminds us that every thorn, every trial, and every moment of weakness can become a gift when surrendered to the transforming work of Holy Spirit. As Paul discovered, God's grace is not only sufficient—it is abundant, empowering us to rise above the enemy's schemes and live anchored in His love. Let us take Paul's lesson to heart. Let's watch over our connections, guarding our hearts, and leaning into the greater grace that flows from intimacy with God.

I encourage you today: submit your wounds, fears, and battles to the Lord, and allow His Spirit to pitch a tent over your life. Allow Holy Spirit access to those old wounds that stir up strife and torment your soul. May God's strength be perfected in your weakness, His joy overflow in your heart, and His grace empower your every step. Father, we pray for Your presence to meet each one in their place of need; let Your grace abound, Your healing flow, and Your glory shine in and through their lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptures

James 4:6-7 But **He gives a greater grace**. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God is able to make all grace overflow to you**, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.

1 Peter 5:6-11 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus**.

Ephesians 4:7-8 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, he led captive THE captives, And He gave gifts to people."

1 Peter 1:13 NASB Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:33 NASB And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

Zechariah 4:6-7 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of armies. 'What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring out the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "