

TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURES

⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, he does.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (MSG)

JOURNEY OF 5 GRACES

Seeking Grace	Searches for us
Saving Grace	Saves us from sin
Sanctifying Grace	Cleanses us
Sustaining Grace	According to His will
Sufficient Grace	For every moment

WHAT GRACE DOES DO

- Reshapes our story
- Heals the wounds of brokenness
- Deepens intimacy with God and Others
- Enough given for each day

KEY QUOTES

"God's sufficient grace begins, where your human strength ends."

"God doesn't give us grace for tomorrow, he gives us grace for today."

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**
 - > Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**
 - > Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**
 - > Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps
 - > Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- Was there an item in Pastor Steve's bag that you can relate to?
- How do you see God's sufficient grace working in both the good and bad situations of life?
- As much as you are comfortable, name a season of your life when you were keenly aware that it was the sufficient grace of God alone that kept you together. In what ways did you experience that grace?

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. If you're comfortable share a time when you asked God to remove a "thorn" in your life?
- What does it mean to you when God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
- Review the list of **WHAT GRACE DOES DO**. Which element stands out to you, comforts you, or empowers you—and why?

Live it Out | Goal: Choose a couple questions to encourage next steps

- Read 1 Peter 5:10-11; What does it look like to live this week knowing that God has the last word in your life?
- Pastor Steve said, "God doesn't give us grace for tomorrow, he gives us grace for today." How does this information change the way you approach each day?

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week? Take notes and follow up next week.