


2019
The Year Of Purpose
"GOD And Our Thorns"
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2 Corinthians 12:7 NLT
7 So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh.

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Make a list of the things in your life that you wish you could change... Or that GOD would take away.

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Question...
How does the thing(s) you listed make you feel?

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NLT
7 So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh...

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7 A messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

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8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

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9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

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

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10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ.

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10 For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
7 for this reason, to keep me from thinking of myself as important, a thorn in the flesh was given to me...

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
7 A messenger of Satan, to torment and harass me—to keep me from exalting myself!

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
8 Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me;

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
9 but He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you...

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
9 [My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation];

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
9 Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power...

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**2 Corinthians 12:7-10 AMP
9 Of Christ [may completely
enfold me and] may dwell in
me.**

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**So what should we do we
do...When IT won't go away?**



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1. Ask GOD For Clarity.



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**Question...
How should we seek clarity
from GOD?**

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GOD knows us better than anyone because GOD created us.

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We cannot boldly declare GOD to be the Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end, and the author and finisher of our faith...

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And yet think that GOD does not have a purpose or lesson for what we are going through and dealing with.

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**Jeremiah 1:5 NLT
5 "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."**

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**Psalm 139 NLT
1 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.**

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**Psalm 139 NLT
2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.**

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Psalm 139 NLT

3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

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Psalm 139 NLT

4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

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Psalm 139 NLT

5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

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Psalm 139 NLT

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

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Psalm 139 NLT

7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

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Psalm 139 NLT

8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

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Psalm 139 NLT

16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

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Psalm 139 NLT

16 Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

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Psalm 139 NLT

17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

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Psalm 139 NLT

18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

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Psalm 139 NLT

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

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Psalm 139 NLT

24 Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

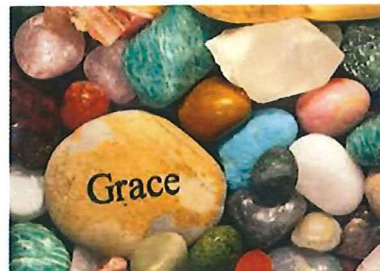
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2. Thank GOD For Grace!

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best in weakness."

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Question...
How is GOD'S grace sufficient
for us?

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Grace– 1. favor or goodwill.
2. a virtue coming from God.
3. God's unmerited favor toward
humanity

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Favor– 1. The Undeserved Grace of GOD.

2. Looking kindly upon someone or treating someone with special regard

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So Paul states that 3 times he asked GOD to remove his affliction (thorn)...

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**And each time GOD replied...
“My unmerited Favor, Goodwill, and Treatment of you, is sufficient.**

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Sufficient- adequate for the purpose; enough:

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2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP

8 And God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you,

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2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP

8 So that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need]

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2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP
8 have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him].

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- 1. Ask GOD For Clarity**
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- 3. Realize GOD'S Power Is Always Working In Our Lives.**

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2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT
9 My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses...

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9 So that the power of Christ can work through me.

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Question...
What is the scripture saying here?

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**GOD'S Power is always working
in our lives.**

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Genesis 18:14 NLT
**14 Is anything too hard for the
Lord? I will return about this
time next year, and Sarah will
have a son."**

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Jeremiah 32:26-27 NLT
**26 Then this message came to
Jeremiah from the Lord:**

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Jeremiah 32:26-27 NLT
**27 "I am the Lord, the God of all
the peoples of the world. Is
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Matthew 19:26 NLT
**26 Jesus looked at them intently
and said, "Humanly speaking, it
is impossible. But with God
everything is possible."**

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- 4. Treat our Thorns as blessings and not Curses!**

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Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

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Joshua 1:9 NLT

9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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Philippians 4:12 NLT

12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation...

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Philippians 4:12-13 NLT

12 Whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

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Philippians 4:12-13 NLT

13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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Psalm 118:24 NLT

24 This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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Romans 8:28 KJV

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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Final Thoughts/Wrap Up Questions...

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