

Amazed by Grace – Week 3 – 4-14-24 – Pastor Rob

1. What kind of reminders do you have in your life?
2. What reminds you of your need for God?

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 - I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷or 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. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰That 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.

3. How do you feel knowing that the apostle Paul had an ongoing ‘thorn in the flesh’?
 4. What ‘thorns’ do you have to live with?
 5. Where does Paul indicate that the thorn came from? (v. 7)
 6. What does Paul say was the purpose of the ‘thorn’ that Paul had to deal with? (v. 7)
 7. What purpose might the ‘thorns’ in your life have?
 8. What is it appropriate to boast about?
 9. Most Bible scholars believe that the man Paul is talking about in verses 2-6 was himself. What do you think and why do you think that Paul might talk about himself in the third person?
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10. What are you pretty good at?
 11. Where might you be tempted to boast?
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12. God told Paul that “His grace is sufficient for you”. What does this mean?
 13. In verse 10 Paul says, when I am weak, then I am strong. What do you think he means by this?
 14. Where in your life do you want to be in control, that you need to trust God and His grace?