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## Thorns in the Flesh

9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **II Corinthians 12:9,10**

I really hoped that after injuring myself in August that my body could heal itself and get better without surgery. I have prayed for that outcome time and time again, but my body did not heal and so off to surgery for me. This scenario has been true for so many of us, and it is so common today. God has blessed us to live in a country with such great medical personnel and for that I am thankful. However, the question I want to ask is “What does the Bible say about how we should face these difficulties in life?”

The first thing I think of is Paul’s statement in II Corinthians 12 about his “thorn in the flesh”. Paul obviously was dealing with a physical problem that he wanted God to take away, but God did not remove it from him. Paul was doing important work for God, but God still did not take away his problem. He simply told him “My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness”. I find it interesting that Paul had miraculously healed others, but he would not be healed from this problem. Why? Because God works in our moments of weakness. We must simply trust Him and know that each obstacle in life is a way for us to come to understand God in a better way. If we understand this, we will become stronger in faith as we become weaker in the flesh. To God be all glory!

John

## He Will Not Forget

Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Scriptures relate two very amazing aspects about God. First, when he forgives us of our sins he remembers them no more. They are removed as far as the east is from the west. The second is found in this verse. Once you have done a good deed, God will not forget it. We are not told specifically what these people had done but God was fully aware. The first action is simply described as work. This would be work that benefits either an individual or the church. Opportunities abound and we should always have our eyes open to do anything that helps an individual or the church.

The second action is the love you have shown. Love is the motive for serving God and serving people. We normally do not help those we do not care about. God knows when you have helped his people. It may have been twenty years ago but God still knows. The aid given to another may have departed your memory but God still knows. Once again we should be looking for opportunities to do good to others.

Later in Hebrews 10:32-35, the Christians had faced a lot of suffering. They stood side by side with those suffering. They sympathized with those in prison and some even had their property confiscated. They were reminded for the need to persevere. Why? Their perseverance and their actions will be rewarded. It’s true; God will not forget the work you do. How are you working for him today?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Iris Anderson - radiation
- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Alice Bolton - recovering f/surgery
- Roberta Bolton - (no phone calls, can't talk)
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Danny Lasater - surgery 2/5 at Williamson Med. Ctr.
- Linda Luna
- Teresa Lyle - surgery 2/8
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 227-A
- Ned Pollard - home
- Jimmy Quirk - undergoing chemo
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Melissa Stutts - surgery today
- John Thomas - recovering f/surgery at home
- Elaine Whitehead

Congratulations to J.D. Davis who was restored last week.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Jessie Sisk Chacon - cancer, Debbie Spears, Alex Rector - cancer, Shannon Jones - grandson of Reba recovering from shoulder surgery, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey - Parkinsons & recovering from surgery to remove blood clots, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Billie Andrews, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, NHC Hillview Rm. 106.

**The Primetimer's Red Carpet Event is Saturday, February 20 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Dress for your red carpet premier or as your favorite movie star. If you need a ride, let us know.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Trent Hill  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Gary Boyd  
     Sonny Hargrove           Lee Winchester  
     Jason Kelley             Jim Anderson  
     Sam Quirk                Jeremy Britt  
     Daniel Thomas          Barrow Brown  
 Read: Acts 2:41-47.....David Morgan  
 Sermon: A Growing Church.....Jody Pritchett  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Nathan Hixson  
 Read: Psalm 42:1-5.....Tommy Hight  
 Sermon: Strong Desires.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Benny Bolton  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Byran Farris, Cheyenne McNeese, Larry Nicholson  
 Greeters: Donnie & Sharon Davis, Peggy Wilson, Lorene Hickman  
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)  
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Connie White, Teresa Lyle  
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Conner Arnett  
 Prayer.....Barry Cross  
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Mike Lyle